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FACED WITH NEW CHARGES

Sen. Ayuyu pleads not guilty

>> Rota lawmaker ordered to undergo drug test

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

en. Juan M. Ayuyu (R-Rota) pleaded not guilty yesterday to a new indictment charging him with obstruction of justice for allegedly threatening Ayuyu and tampering with witnesses and attempt-



She, however, stated that the parties are

free to file a motion for her recusal if they

Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, U.S. Attorney

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believe they have other known grounds.

ing to destroy evidence related to a pending case that accuses him of attempting to smuggle federally protected fruit bats.

Federal agents arrested the 48-year-old Ayuyu Monday afternoon after a federal grand jury handed the new indictment charging him with conspiring to obstruct an official proceeding, obstructing an official proceeding, tampering with a witness, suborning perjury, attempting to prevent testimony of a witness, obstructing the due administration of justice, and attempting to destroy or remove seized property.

As this developed, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered Ayuyu yesterday afternoon to submit to a drug test to be performed by the U.S. Probation Office. The judge ordered that the result of the test will be withheld until a hearing today, Wednesday, at 9am, on the U.S. government's motion to detain the senator pending trial.

At his initial court appearance yesterday morning, Ayuyu, through counsel Steven Pixley, waived reading of the indictment and his constitutional rights. He pleaded not guilty.

Manglona set the jury trial for Feb. 19, 2013, at 9am.

Manglona also disclosed to the court that her spouse and Ayuyu's spouse are **EXERCISE ENDS** first cousins. The judge, however, ruled that such relationship is not covered by grounds to recuse herself from the case.

San Nicolas meets with Limtiaco today prosecutor, San Nicolas cited "poten-By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

named special

prosecutor

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Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas is scheduled to meet with on Monday. Public Auditor Michael

U.S. Attorney Alicia Limtiaco today, two days after sending a letter designating Office of the Public

Auditor legal counsel George Hasselback as special prosecutor to assess the criminal charges against former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham and determine whether the interests of justice require the latter's extradition to the CNMI.

In designating Hasselback as special

tial and perceived conflicts of interest" that surround the Buckingham case.

Hasselback accepted the designation Pai concurred. >> OPA's Hasselback

San Nicolas asked that Hasselback's analysis and recommendation be submitted to the gov-

ernor "by no later than Jan. 10, 2013."

Press secretary Angel Demapan confirmed that San Nicolas left for Guam yesterday and is scheduled to meet with Limtiaco today, although no further details were available as of

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Two MV-22B Ospreys receive fuel on Tinian's West Field Dec. 10 during exercise Forager Fury 2012. These were the first Ospreys to land on Tinian, which marks another milestone achieved during the exercise. Exercise Forager Fury 2012 drew to a close yesterday.

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), and others in the CNMI joined the nation in mourning Monday's passing

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CNMI joins nation in honoring Inouye **RELATED NEWS**

of Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, a Medal of Honor-decorated World War II veteran who represented Hawaii in the Senate for five decades and was the country's second-

longest serving senator. He was 88. Inouve's passing is "a sad day for

America and the Pacific," said Sablan, describing In-➤ Sen. Daniel

ouve as his mentor. Inouye's office said he wanted to be remembered for serving the people of his

state honestly, and that his last word was "Aloha."

He was a senator for all but three of Hawaii's 53 years as a state. He had served as its first House member be-

Inouye died of respiratory complications shortly after 5pm Monday at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. His wife and son were at his side when he passed away.

Fitial said that Inouye's passing "is a

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dead at 88.

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Local

CT shooting raises concerns about campus security, drills

By MONETH G. DEPOSA moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com REPORTER

The shooting rampage at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, that killed 26 people—including 20 children—is reverberating even in the CNMI and the Public School System, as an educational institution, can't help but feel a connection, said Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.

"When I first heard of the horrific tragedy, it was really difficult for me to understand why something like that would happen, especially to very young children. I couldn't help but think about the situation like this, if—and I hope it will never happen in CNMI," said Sablan yesterday.

She extended PSS' condolences to the families of the victims, while keeping in mind that the incident should serve as a cautionary tale for PSS.

In the first order of business on Monday, Sablan discussed with her leadership team student safety not just on campus but even for students on their way to school and as they return home.

She ordered all schools to revisit emergency drills that were just completed in September and to make sure operating procedures are constantly reiterated

to everyone on campus.

The PSS' crisis response team has also been made available to all schools since Monday to provide assistance to any concern that students may have about the Connecticut tragedy.

Sablan said that PSS had received some calls for assistance from some schools. "There have been calls and we made ourselves available to provide the needed assistance for our students," she said.

In the wake of the tragedy, Sablan said that some schools reactivated their counseling day, while PSS passed out some guidelines whether or not the issue should be talked about with students. "We also asked our schools to give our parents assurance that PSS is definitely taking care and always doing its best to ensure the safety of students. So we're doing some monitoring now," she said.

Sablan said that PSS is also looking at designating January as Safe Schools Month and will work with the Department of Homeland Security and police authorities in conducting emergency drills for fire, tsunami, intruder, and lockdown.

PSS is also reviewing the scheduled hours of school gates and plans to implement stricter rules on when the gates will be opened and closed. The objective is to minimize the traffic in and out of campus.

Next week, PSS will also

conduct a special emergency training for all its vendors—water, food, maintenance, supplies—to make sure they also know what to do during emergency situations.

For Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School principal Charlotte Camacho, the Connecticut incident was not only shocking but it made her express concerns about the security condition of GTC. GTC is one of two public schools that do not have fully fenced campuses. It has no gates and lacks security personnel and equipment.

GTC is home to 204 students from kindergarten to sixth grade.

Camacho pointed out the need for the school to constantly be reminded of safety procedures, including regular conduct of training and emergency drills.

Last Monday, the PSS emergency management team conducted a site visit and assessment on schools such as GTC as part of efforts to prioritize a security plan for all schools.

Hopwood Junior High School principal Jonas Barcinas expressed the same worries and concerns.

"As the principal of Hopwood, I am also worried and concerned about the safety of all our students and staff because of our campus setting. Our fences can easily be accessed by any intruder by climbing or hurting the children while they are out in PE, lunch or break time where all the students are around that area playing or resting. This is a concern for me unless I hire more [security] guards to watch every corner of the facility to prevent any intruder from attacking," he said.

Due to budget constraints, PSS was not able to hire more security aides for all schools.

"As a school, we do have our emergency procedures and we've been conducting drills with the staff and students to ensure that we know what to do in the event of emergency or disaster. Although we feel ready, you never know how the scenario may be at any day," Barcinas added.

Hopwood plans to buy a public address system for each classroom for better communication, especially in emergency situations.

'Tips received about double homicide limited, not solid'

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com

The NMI Crime Stoppers Program has received a limited number of tips in connection

couple at their residence in San Vicente last Dec. 8.
Police spokesman Jason Tarkong said yesterday that the tips are also not solid enough to as-

with the murder of an Asian

sist in the investigation.

Tarkong, who is also the Crime Stoppers coordinator, encouraged the public, particularly the Chinese community, to disclose to the program or to the police what-

ever information they may have about the double homicide. Crime Stoppers has available Chinese speaking and other language interpreters.

"Please contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 should you want to remain anonymous," he said.

Crime Stoppers offers up to \$1,000 cash for any information leading to an arrest.

A source said that investigators on Monday processed the victims' car, a white 2010 Honda CRV.

The suspect or suspects took the car and left it at Micro Beach, Garapan.

On Friday, the Department of Public Safety released the photographs of the murdered victims—Jun Li Yang, 50, and his wife, Jing "Emma" Liu.

Manta Ray Band, Saipan Pacific Winds to stage holiday concerts

The Saipan Southern High School Manta Ray Band and Saipan Pacific Winds Concert Band will be offering two more free concerts this week.

Manta Ray Band musical director William DeWitt disclosed this after the group's successful concert last week with the Alaska Brass and Saipan Pacific Winds at the American Memorial Park.

lan LauLau. This one will feature the annual holiday performance of the Saipan Pacific Winds Concert Band, which is now on its 18th season. Longtime residents may remember that in 1994, SDA

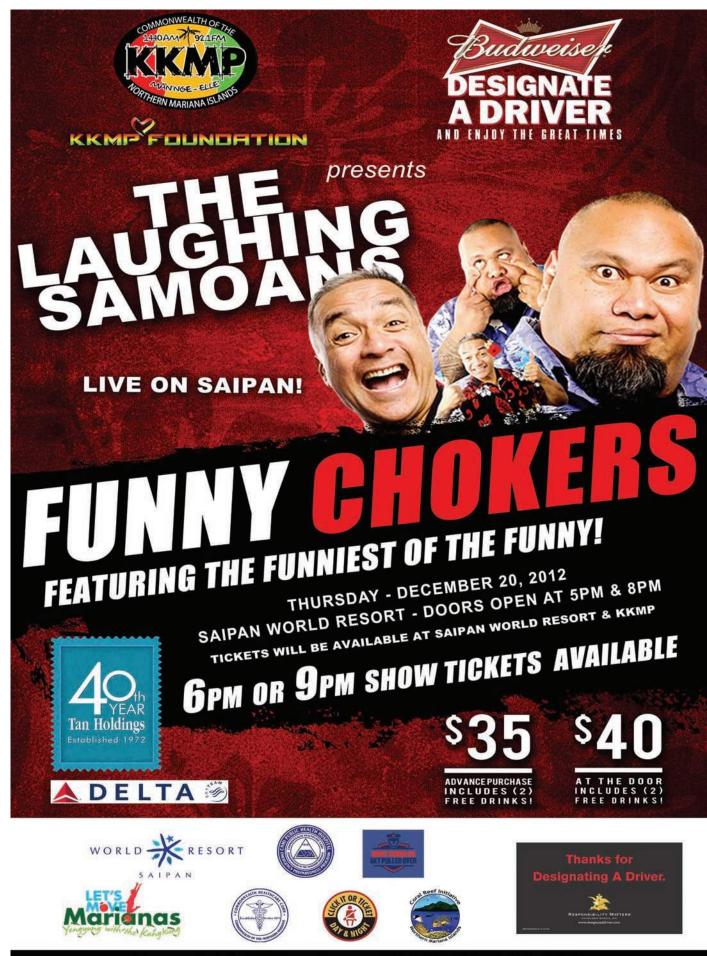
Tonight, Dec. 19, the Manta Ray Band will hold its "Under the Stars" holiday concert on campus for their peers, parents, and community members.

The event will be held beside the Manta Monument. Although there will be some benches and picnic tables, guests may bring a blanket to spread out on the lawn or a folding beach chair.

The music will be performed by four different Manta Ray bands and will feature some great holiday music. The event is set from 6:30pm to 8pm.

The second concert is on Thursday night at the SDA Center on Quartermaster Rd. in Chalan LauLau. This one will feature the annual holiday performance of the Saipan Pacific Winds Concert Band, which is now on its 18th season. Longtime residents may remember that in 1994, SDA was the host organization for the first holiday concert presented by this ensemble.

Alongside co-conductor Will DeWitt, Christina A. Nierras will lead the band in some stirring and inspiring holiday selections, including Christmas music from Brazil, Russia, and the United States. Several quintets and quartets will also perform. Admission is free and the concert is slated from 7pm to 8:30 pm. (Moneth G. Deposa)



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Hawaii Five-O actor visits Saipan

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa_david@saipantribune.com REPORTER

A Hawaiian actor who starred in the hit television series Hawaii Five-O was on Saipan to serve as one of the judges in an annual talent competition.

Roland Naauao was invited to be part of the panel that evaluated the contenders in the recently concluded Bridge Capital's "CNMI Got Talent" held during the company's Christmas party at the Pacific Islands Club last Dec. 14.

Naauao is the friend of Victoria Scott, mother of Shawn Scott who is the managing partner of the international investment banking and asset management company headquartered on island.

Born and raised in Honolulu, Naauao has been an actor for four decades, starting off in school drama clubs before he became a professional.

Although he has not acted on screen for a while, Naauao said he remains a member of the Screen Actors Guild

In an interview last Friday. Naauao revealed how he started as an ambulance driver then



later resigned after finding out that his friends working as police officers are receiving higher salaries. Thus began his career as a police officer, working his way up to become a member of the prestigious Metro Squad composed of police officers with martial arts experience and expertise, then later becoming the police commander.

"Because I was a police commander in Hawaii, I could not play any role as a crook or a bad guy. I always play the police officer," said Naauao.

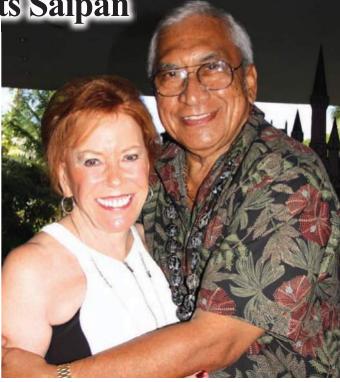
Naauao, who took on the role of Officer Olena in Hawaii Five-O, said that being part of the TV series was nothing out of the ordinary, explaining that he just acted out what was expected of him based on the script.

"When you're in a big role, you can't afford to screw up," he told Saipan Tribune. "Otherwise, it's going to cost the com-



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Hawaiian actor Roland Naauao and Victoria Scott have their photo taken at the lobby of the Hyatt Regency Saipan.



pany. Next thing you know, you won't find a job."

Having been a part of the show's cast, Naauao said he would get recognized in public and receive a lot of shaka sign, the hang loose gesture that has become as much a symbol of ally performs as a musician and Hawaii as *aloha*.

Naauao, who has acted in several movies, disclosed that

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his favorite one was the 1966 film Hawaii directed by George Roy Hill and based on the novel by James A. Michener. The cast included Max von Sydow and Julie Andrews.

Nowadays, Naauao occasionemcee, but mostly spends his time following Victoria Scott

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deep loss for Hawaii, the Commonwealth, and all of America. He will be truly missed."

"A World War II veteran, highly decorated to include the Medal of Honor, and a reputable senator representing the State of Hawaii for five decades, the late Daniel Inouye was tremendously instrumental in the vast improvements of not just his home state, but also all the Pacific island territories. He was a true champion of the islands and a strong advocate for the well-being of all living in Hawaii and the territories," the governor said in a statement.

Sablan said Inouye was "a great American and a great man of the Pacific."

The delegate said he personally owes much to Inouye for whom he worked

as a fellow in 1986.

"That experience and the example of Senator Inouye left me resolved to represent the people of the Northern Mariana Islands should we ever be allowed a seat in Congress. I hold that seat today holding Senator Inouye as my mentor for determination in pursuit of what is just and for service to the people I represent," Sablan added.

He said Inouye lived his entire life working for justice and respect for all.

"Though he faced suspicion and prejudice as an American of Japanese ancestry, he gave himself fearlessly in defense of his nation during World War II. He bore the terrible wounds of that conflict, yet remained indefatigable physically and in spirit, a brave warrior for the powerless and forgotten," Sablan said. "We will never forget this good man and great American."

Fitial said he and Lt. Gov. Eloy S.

Inos extend their condolences to Inouye's wife, Irene, his son Daniel Ken Jr., the Inouye family and the people of Hawaii on Inouye's passing.

The governor also said the CNMI owes a debt of gratitude to the late senator for his support, especially since the CNMI and other territories do not have representation in the Senate.

"We certainly hope that the next person to fill the void left by Senator Inouye will continue his legacy of being an upstanding advocate for the islands," Fitial added.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), one of the CNMI's longest-serving lawmakers, said yesterday he met and shook hands with Inouye once during a stopover on Saipan in the '90s.

"I remember he's a very soft spoken and a humble guy," Torres said in a phone interview. "Our prayers go out to him, his family, and the whole of Hawaii."

Senate President Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota), the longest serving senator in the CNMI, separately said the people of the CNMI and other insular areas in the Pacific are grateful for Inouye's service in representing Pacific islanders in the U.S. Senate.

"He and Sen. Akaka are good senators representing our area. They're both good partners of the islands in the U.S. Senate," he said.

Former lieutenant governor and speaker Diego Benavente said he met Inouye at least twice or thrice, including the time when Benavente visited Inouye in his office in Washington, D.C. in the late '90s.

"I visited him in his office when I was speaker. I talked to him about the issue of federal immigration takeover," Benavente said, adding that Inouye's passing is a great loss to the islands

such as the CNMI.

Inouye was hospitalized last week and had undergone procedures to regulate his oxygen intake, CNN reported.

The late senator won his ninth consecutive term in 2010 and was the second longest-serving senator in the chamber's history, trailing only Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia.

Inouye enlisted in the U.S. Army shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor. During World War II, he lost an arm charging machine gun nests in Italy, earning him the Medal of Honor.

During his tenure, he served as chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Commerce Committee, and was the first chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in 1976.

Inouye graduated from the University of Hawaii and the George Washington University School of Law.

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"I understand that AG San Nicolas is leaving the determination for extradition to the special prosecutor," he said.

The Guam meeting comes days after Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) informed San Nicolas that the U.S. Department of Justice is willing to pursue Buckingham but a request from San Nicolas to Limtiaco "would be necessary to initiate Mr. Buckingham's capture."

Incoming House Speaker Joe Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan) said yesterday he looks forward to the result of today's meeting between San Nicolas and Limtiaco, although he noted that the meeting—which he expects to be about Buckingham's extradition—comes after delegating the special prosecution power to somebody else.

"I hope the governor does sign a recommendation on extradition and get the process moving. It would be meaningless if the governor refuses to sign that memo recommending extradition," Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

However, it may not only be the Office of the Attorney General and San Nicolas that have potential and perceived conflicts of interest surrounding the case, but Fitial as well, given that the governor had several phone calls to Buckingham shortly after the former AG left the CNMI on the morning of Aug. 4.

That was a day after Buckingham

and Fitial signed a no-bid, \$190.8-million diesel power purchase agreement with Saipan Development LLC.

It was also on Aug. 3 when OPA filed criminal charges against Buckingham in connection with his alleged hosting of a political campaign in 2010 for the governor's delegate candidate, and approval of a sole-source ARRA management contract, among other things.

The complaint was later amended to include obstruction of justice after Buckingham allegedly used police and ports police officers to shield himself from being served a penal summons. An FBI agent successfully served the penal summons on Buckingham minutes before the plane took off.

The courts declared Buckingham a fugitive from justice.

Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (IR-Saipan) said yesterday that it is "wonderful news" that San Nicolas designated a special prosecutor in the Buckingham case.

"It is on its way to restoring trust and confidence in the AG himself and the office," he added.

Conflicts of interest

San Nicolas, in his Dec. 17 letter to Hasselback, said he was recently queried repeatedly about Buckingham's possible extradition to answer the charges he faces in a criminal case.

He said as AG, it is his statutory duty to evaluate cases where an individual is facing criminal charges before CNMI courts, but is absent from the CNMI and determine whether extradition is in the best interests of justice.

San Nicolas said upon making such a determination, it is his further duty to forward his recommendation on the matter to the governor.

But San Nicolas said in this matter, he has determined that there are potential conflicts of interest that would prohibit him from performing these statutory duties without risking violation of the applicable ethical rules that govern the practice of attorneys in the CNMI.

He cited in particular the fact that the Office of the Attorney General, through Civil Division chief Gilbert Birnbrich, previously represented Buckingham in this matter, and it may owe him a duty of loyalty as a former client and may not be permitted to represent any party—including the CNMI—in an adversarial capacity against him in the same matter.

San Nicolas added that he has not been able to determine that any steps were taken to prevent the imputation of this conflict to the entire OAG.

"Therefore, I am unwilling to permit my office, or any of the attorneys who work for my office, to represent any party whose interests are potentially adverse to Buckingham's in Criminal case No. 12-0134B. Furthermore, considering the difficulty in determining how pervasive this conflict is within the OAG, I am unwilling to seek waiver of the conflict from Buckingham and risk the Commonwealth's ability to properly prosecute

the charges brought..." he said.

As former CPA staff attorney

San Nicolas said he also perceived a potential conflict that could impact his ability to have any involvement in the Buckingham criminal case.

Prior to becoming AG, San Nicolas served as staff attorney for the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

"Considering that the criminal case against Buckingham will likely involve testimony of CPA employees, it would be inappropriate if I had any involvement with the criminal trial. I cannot, with any accuracy, predict the exact nature of the conflicts that could potentially develop because of my former representation of CPA," he said.

The AG said the mere possibility of perceived conflicts of interest in the operations of the OAG while under his leadership—let alone manifestation of an actual conflict—would undermine his goal to re-establish public trust in the OAG.

"I cannot tolerate this. I must take steps to eliminate any possibility of conflict in every aspect of the prosecution in Criminal Case No. 12-0134B so that both Buckingham's rights are protected and the Commonwealth's interest in seeing its laws enforced is preserved," he said.

During his Senate confirmation hearings and upon assuming the office, San Nicolas made it a top priority to restore public trust in the OAG. He pledged to make his term as AG one of transparency and professionalism.

Confidence

The AG said he has chosen to place the trust in Hasselback because he believes that the OPA legal counsel will appreciate the degree of confidence that he as AG has on Hasselback's ability to handle the matter professionally and prudently.

"Additionally, your involvement in Criminal Case No. 12-0134B as the prosecuting attorney strongly suggests that you are the most appropriate candidate to consider the difficult issues surrounding the possible extradition of Buckingham," San Nicolas told Hasselback.

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in her travel adventures. "After I met Vicky, my life changed," he added.

Naauao, who already served as a judge in last year's CNMI Got Talent, said he doesn't expect anything from the performers to give everyone an

equal footing.

"You get out there, you sit back and listen to the quality of the music and if what they're singing is making sense. If you sing a song, look at the lyrics because it tells you everything about the song. Keep practicing this and it'll be easy for you to visualize the song. The people can almost feel this coming from you," he said.

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for the Districts of Guam and the NMI, said that Ayuyu was arrested Monday after a federal grand jury sitting on Saipan handed down the seven-count indictment.

Ayuyu is currently under indictment for violations of the Endangered Species Act and the Lacey Act for his role in possessing and transporting eight Mariana fruit bats on Oct. 17, 2010.

According to the new indictment, on Oct. 17, 2010, Ayuyu instructed Ryan James Inos Manglona to deliver a cardboard box containing Mariana fruit bats to the Rota airport in advance of the senator's flight to Saipan.

Ryan Manglona worked for the Rota Mayor's Office and was also assigned to perform duties on behalf of the Rota Legislative Delegation. He is Ayuyu's co-defendant in the first case. He recently pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice.

The new indictment alleges that Transportation Security Administration agents later opened the box as part of pre-flight screening and eight dead Mariana fruit bats were discovered hidden beneath some 40 lbs of lemons.

The box, together with the bats, were stored temporarily in a freezer at the CNMI Department of Public Lands and Natural Resources, Division of Quarantine Airport Office belonging to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services until USFWS agents could take custody.

Sometime between Oct. 18, 2010, and Oct. 21, 2010, Ayuyu allegedly instructed a Senate attorney to call Quarantine, inform them the call was being made on behalf of Ayuyu, and demand to know what authority they had to hold cargo baggage seized from passengers.

The box and the fruit bats, however, were taken into USFW's custody on Oct. 21, 2010, and eventually sent to the USFWS National Wildlife Forensics Lab in Ashland, Oregon to undergo testing.

After Ryan Manglona was subpoenaed on Nov. 19, 2010, to appear as a witness before the federal grand jury, Ayuyu allegedly encouraged him to lie and instructed him on what to say, such as to deny that he (Manglona) knew what was in the box and to deny that Ayuyu was home when he picked it up.

On Nov. 23, 2010, Manglona allegedly intentionally gave evasive, false, and misleading testimony to the grand jury.

On Dec. 1, 2010, while a Division of Fish and Wildlife conservation officer and another conservation officer were waiting to board a flight to Rota to conduct further investigation, Ayuyu allegedly approached the two and told the DFW conservation officer "basta ma imbestiga" ("stop investigating me").

Ayuyu also reminded the DFW conservation officer that he was on a Senate committee assigned to help former CNMI immigration employees displaced by the transfer of immigration responsibilities to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, knowing that the conservation inspector had previously worked for the CNMI Division of Immigration until his position ceased to exist due to the federalization of local immigration laws.

Limtiaco said many of the counts Ayuyu has been charged with carry a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years and fines in excess of \$250,000.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth R. Backe asked the federal court that Ayuyu be detained pending trial.

In a motion, Backe cited that there is a serious risk that Ayuyu will obstruct or attempt to obstruct justice and/or threaten or attempt to threaten witnesses and/or intimidate witnesses.

Backe said defendant's first line of attack was a thinly veiled attempt to intimidate Quarantine to return the package containing the fruit bats.

"In this regard, the defendant abused his position as a senator for the CNMI by enlisting an attorney in the office of Senate Legal Counsel to improperly contact [Quarantine] on his behalf to make inquiry regarding the Division of Quarantine's authority to hold items seized from airline passengers," Backe said.

The prosecutor said the senator's second prong of attack was a frontal assault on the grand jury, convincing his co-conspirator to lie to the grand jury in the hopes of escaping criminal liability for his role in the taking and possession of federally protected wildlife.

Backe said Ayuyu's third prong of attack was his attempt to impede the investigation through brazen threats and intimidation of the lead investigator.

"Again utilizing his position as senator for the CNMI, the defendant directly instructed the lead investigator to "stop investigating me."

The defendant then attempted to threaten the lead investigator's job by implying that he could negatively influence the lead investigator continued employment.

Rear admiral visits Tinian Health Center

By LANCE CPL. JOSEPH KARWICK SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

TINIAN, Northern Mariana Islands—Rear Adm. Newton E. Kendig visited the Tinian Health Center here on Dec. 13 during Exercise Forager Fury 2012.

Kendig is the assistant director of health services for the Federal Bureau of Prisons and assistant surgeon general and is in the Marianas to review the healthcare systems of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

'We extended an invitation to him so he could visit the Tinian Health Center and gave him a tour of the health center and the island," said Lt. Cmdr. Matthew R. Boubrava, the Senior Medical officer for Marine Aircraft

New jury orientation video in 2013

SAN FRANCISCO—Many of the federal trial courts in the nine western states and two Pacific Island jurisdictions that make up the Ninth Circuit will begin using a new jury orientation video starting in 2013.

The 18-minute video is intended to convey to prospective jurors the importance of serving on a jury and explain the juror selection process from summons through voir dire.

It replaces a video made some time ago that did not address more recent issues, such as potential juror use of smartphones

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and other electronic devices.

The new video was produced by Abby Ginzberg, an awardwinning filmmaker from the San Francisco Bay Area. It features remarks by retired United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Also appearing are Judge Richard A. Paez of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Judge Susan Y. Illston of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, and a number of former jurors, who recount their experiences during a trial and after a verdict is delivered.

The video is being distributed to jury administrators in the 15 U.S. district courts in the Ninth Circuit, which takes in the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington, along with the U.S. Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project was undertaken by the Ninth Circuit Jury Trial Improvement Committee, working through the Office of the Circuit Executive and using funding provided by the circuit and several district courts.

The video is available for viewing online at http://tinyurl.com/ federaljuryvideo2013. (PR)

Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "He also saw all the dental care that is being given and understood its importance. He was very well received."

Though Kendig came to Tinian alone, his team remained on Saipan to review their medical status.

"I have been charged by the Surgeon General's office to come here and lead a team of 10 public health officers to assist the government of Saipan into looking at how we can best support their health care system here with a focus on the hospital [on] Saipan, but also community health systems that extends to Rota and Tinian," said Kendig. 'We are here for a 90 days, and we are bringing a spirit of collaboration to work with health care leadership here. We want to see how we can best assist them in all aspects of the health care system from hospital and ambulatory care to fiscal management of their health care budget."

During Kendig's assessment of the medical facilities on Tinian, he stopped by the dental clinic to show his appreciation

to the Navy dental technicians for their hard work.

"I think it is outstanding what these guys are doing," said Kendig. "Everyone seems very appreciative of what the military is bringing to the people of Tinian."

Kendig also stressed the importance of the training being conducted on Tinian.

the military to train and it's great that we can provide some medical assistance while we're here," said Kendig. "It works

out well for the military and the people here."

After getting a good assess-"This is a great location for ment of the Tinian Health Center and a quick tour of the island, Kendig returned to his team on Saipan to further discuss the medical status in the Marianas.





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Hotels' occupancy rate at 75 pct. in November

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported 74.53 percent occupancy among its 12 member hotels for November 2012, a 9-percent increase compared to November 2011.

A total of 53,703 of 72,060 avail-

able room nights were sold in November 2012, compared to 47,149 of 72,240 of available room nights sold over the same period last year. Room rates were \$93.15 during the month, compared to \$65.27 last October.

"We hope this is the beginning of a turn-

around for the Northern Marianas tourism industry," said HANMI chair Nick Nishikawa. "With more direct flights now from China, biweekly charters from Russia, and the continued strengthening of the Korea and Japan markets, the beginning of 2013 looks good. However,

we must still remain vigilant as an industry, a government, and a community in rebuilding our destination and tourism economy."

So far this calendar year, hotel occupancy is at an average 72.01 percent, 9 percent higher than last year. The number is approaching a healthy industry indicator average of 80 percent occupancy.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the NMI. (HANMI)

Traders Insurance is 2013 MMAC's first major sponsor

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa_david@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Traders Insurance has stepped up to sponsor the 2013 Marianas March Against Cancer for the first time, kicking off the groundwork four months before the biggest annual fundraising event that celebrates those who have battled cancer and raises awareness about the disease.

Staff of the insurance company led by general manager Ernesto Licop presented their \$1,000 donation to the MMAC Committee, the group of volunteers in charge of the event.

The donation makes Traders Insurance the event's first major sponsor, a status conferred to companies, organizations or individuals that donate \$1,000 to \$2,999 in cash, products or services.

"We need to come together to help and give support to those who continue fighting the dreaded disease," Licop said.

While their company has not had any employee who has been diagnosed with cancer, Licop noted that any individual suffering from an illness should never lose heart and that their loved ones should give them the love and support they need.

"Encourage them not to give up hope



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Traders Insurance staff join members of the 2013 Marianas March Against Cancer Committee volunteers for a group photo after presenting a \$1,000 donation at their San Jose office yesterday morning.

and stay strong. Our prayer and encouragement [are] always with them," he said, adding that Traders Insurance promotes healthy lifestyle among its personnel by sponsoring sports tournaments as well as providing them with health benefits such

as gym membership.

Next year's Marianas March Against Cancer is slated for April 26-27 at the Hopwood Jr. High School Field in Chalan Piao.

In an interview, Licop said that Trad-

ers Insurance decided to donate to MMAC because of the cause it represents. The company has yet to decide, however, if it will form a team and be more involved in next year's event.

Emanuel Borja, overall chair for the

2013 MMAC Committee, said that Traders Insurance's early donation will hopefully get the fundraising event started with a bang.

"We're very excited because hopefully, this will kick off sponsorships coming for this great event and give us a lot of time. We are always very grateful for the companies that have frequently come out and showed us a lot of support but we are always on the alert for new sponsors and teams trying to build our MMAC family," he told Saipan Tribune.

MMAC is the signature fundraising activity of the Commonwealth Cancer Association, a nonprofit group dedicated to promoting cancer awareness and prevention, providing patient support services, and serving as liaison and advocate for cancer issues in the Northern Marianas.

According to Boria, the event committee has come a long way and raised a lot of money and awareness to help CCA in its efforts. In April, during the event's 10th anniversary, volunteers, participating teams, donors and supporters raised over \$111,000.

"We're going to work our best to meet or surpass that. I just hope that we will have the best event ever," said Borja

He urged other companies to sponsor the event by contacting him at emanuel. borja@gmail.com or 989-1987.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

MARPI LANDFILL OPERATIONS

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Acting Secretary of Public Works, are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies or individuals for the Marpi Landfill Operations, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, under Article 7, "Local Business Preference," as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with § 70-30.3-210 (competitive sealed proposals) of the Procurement Regulations.

The Scope of Work will be available on or after <u>December 12, 2012</u> at the Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station, Saipan, MP 96950. A mandatory Pre-proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., local time, at the Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station on <u>January 2, 2013</u>. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Alex S. Chong, Director of Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 322-2762 no later than 4:00 p.m. local time

Proposals must be sealed and marked "DPW13-RFP-001." For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposal must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, <u>January 22, 2013.</u>

Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a **Notice of Intent to Propose**. Notices of Intent to submit proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **January 22, 2013**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via email to <u>procurement@pticom.com.</u> For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than <u>January 22, 2013</u> and must be received no later <u>January 31, 2013</u>. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of proposal. Submitted proposals are to be valid for 180-days from date of Submission Deadline. Selection contractor will be allowed not more than 120-days prior to contract performance for delivery of the required equipments. Liquidated damages will be assessed at Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per calendar day for delays beyond the delivery of the required equipments.

Discussions shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the responsible proposers who submit proposals determined to be most reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purposes of clarification and to insure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, solicitation requirements. A fee shall be negotiated with the highest qualified firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the Government under their sole discretion. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then another firm may be selected in the order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price acceptable to the Commonwealth is agreed upon.

All response to this RFP shall take into account payment of all associated tax liabilities. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal in the best interest of the Government. All proposals shall become the property of the Government.

Factors that will be used in the evaluation of proposals are the proposed operational plan and company background and qualification. The value assigned to these evaluation factors are as follows:

Background and Qualification
 Operational Plan

The successful proposer will be subject to a responsibility determination in compliance with \$70-30.3-245 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations and will be required to submit additional information as required by the Commonwealth. Responsibility determination will include, but not limited to, ability of proposer to obtain required insurance; financing; experience. Additionally, proposals must comply with submission of information required regarding company background and qualification, and operational plan in the identified format. These requirements are identified below.

Proposers must submit company background and qualification detailing the proponents experience that are directly or somehow related to the proposed landfill operations specified in this scope of work.

Submitted Background and Qualification should be no longer than 5 pages (typed) in length.

Proposers must submit a brief description of their proposed plan for meeting the requirements of the Scope of Work. Contents of the submitted operational plan must provide sufficient detail to convey an understanding of the scope of work requirements; how these requirements will be met; and inclusion of detailed information concerning the associated costs as presented in the proposal. Separate examination and costing should be provided for the following areas of the Scope of Work:

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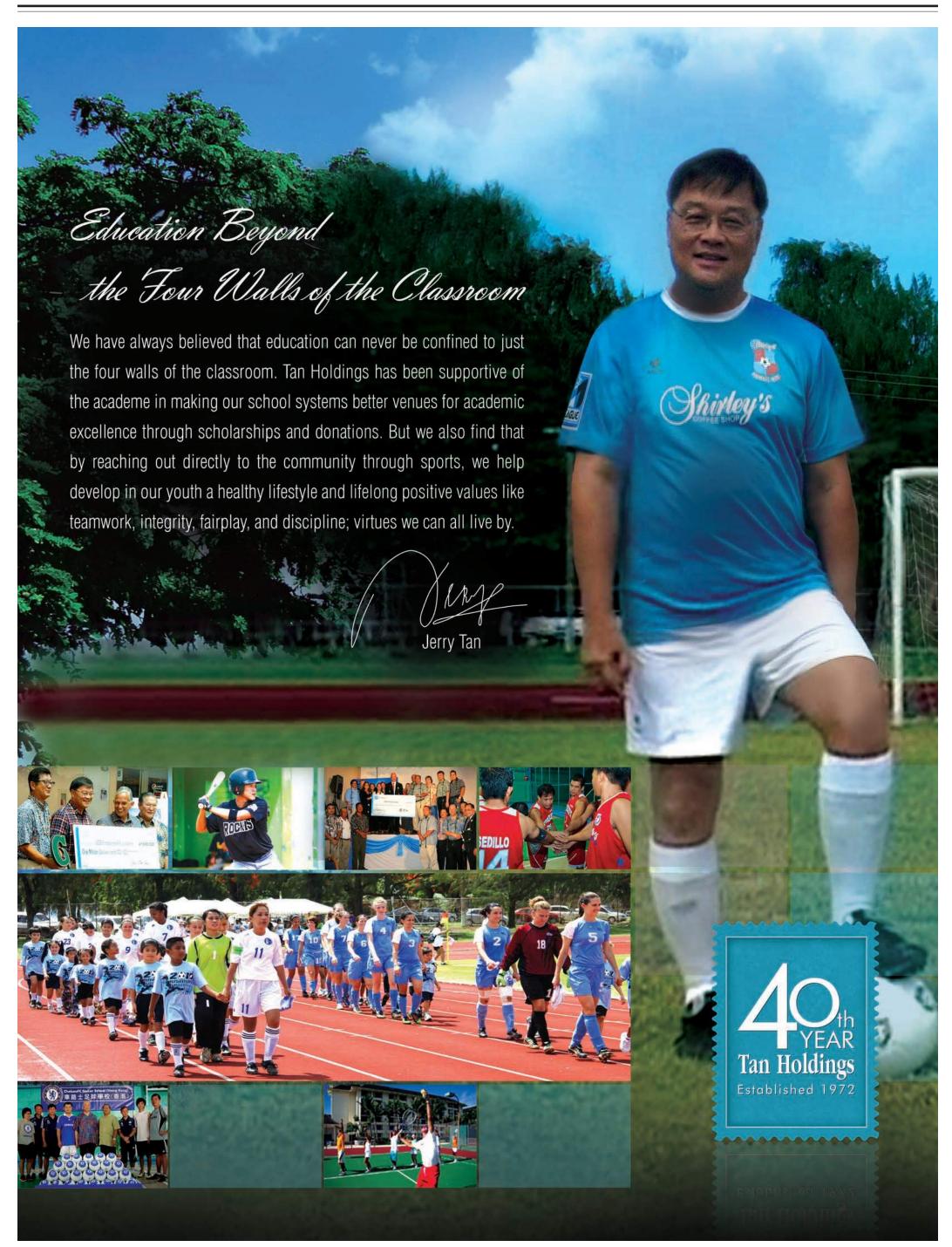
 1. Equipment;
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 3. Training;
 5. Waste Disposal;
 6. Daily and Intermediate Cover;
 7. Surface Water Control;
 8. Site Personnel;
 9. Leachate Management and Monitoring; and
 10. Operation of Vegetated Submerged Bed

The submitted Operational Plan should be no longer than 10 pages (typed) in length

/s/ VICENTE B. CASTRO

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN

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Labor hearing notice deemed deficient

On Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012, the Commonwealth Supreme Court issued a ruling in *Premier* Insurance Co., Inc. v. Commonwealth Department of Labor, holding that notice of a labor hearing provided to the insurance company was deficient.

Premier provided an employer two bonds on two employees. The employees later filed labor claims with the Department of Labor alleging that the employer withheld wages and other expenses in violation of their employment contracts. DOL notified the employer, employees, and Premier via mail in 2004 regardyears after the initial notice— DOL scheduled hearings on the employees' claims and, rather than sending individualized notices, posted a notice of the hearing in a newspaper two times. Premier did not see the published notice and failed to attend the hearing.

After DOL issued a decision requiring Premier to pay the bonds to the employees, Premier challenged that decision in the Superior Court. The Superior Court upheld DOL's decision, reasoning that DOL's tive Procedure Act. The Court

notice to Premier was suffiing the claims. In 2007—three cient. Premier then appealed to the Supreme Court.

> On appeal, Premier argued that DOL violated Premier's right to due process (which consists of a right to notice and an opportunity to be heard) by only publishing the notice in the newspaper instead of sending the notice directly to Premier. The Supreme Court agreed, holding that DOL violated Premier's due process rights under both the NMI Constitution and the Commonwealth Administra-

explained that service by publication in a newspaper should be used only as a "last resort" because it is not an effective means of giving someone actual notice of a claim. Because DOL had Premier's address, the High Court concluded that due process required DOL to send the notice of hearing to Premier via mail.

The Supreme Court's full opinion is Premier Insurance Co., Inc. v. Commonwealth Department of Labor, 2012 MP 16, and can be found at http://www. cnmilaw.org/supreme 12.htm. (NMI Judiciary)

World Resort names 2 outstanding employees





Saipan World Resort general manager Jong Tae Park presents the Employee of the Year award to Ying Ji Zhao, left, of the Culinary Department and Leonardo Ramos, right, of the Maintenance Department during the hotel's 2012 Employee Christmas party held at the Royal Taga Ballroom on Dec. 12.

By CLARISSA V. DAVID

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Two Saipan World Resort employees were recognized at the hotel's 2012 Employee Christmas Party held on the auspicious 12/12/12 at the Royal Taga Ballroom.

Ying Ji Zhao of the Culinary Department and Leonardo Ramos of the Maintenance Department received the prestigious Employee of the Year awards from Saipan World Resort general manager Jong Tae Park.

As awardees, both Zhao and Ramos received plaques and



mommy Esperanza Gayac who is celebrating her 84th birthday today, Dec. 19! Greetings come from Merlyn and the family. сомтявитер рното

cash incentives.

Michael Babauta, Saipan World Resort local sales manager and public relations officer, said Monday that the Employee Christmas Party is an annual event that aims to recognize employees for their hard work of the company.

Close to 300 employees and guests attended Wednesday's event that featured a dinner buffet, fun games and activities, and a raffle draw that gave away exciting prizes.

The event was highlighted and contributions to the success by a performance competition tel interns.

involving the hotel's four various departments.

The Housekeeping Department wowed the crowd, winning a cash prize after besting the Water Park and Food & Beverage departments as well as the group composed of ho-

KHS' Reyes accepted to nat'l honor society

Kagman High School student Paolo Josef Francisco Reyes made his home island proud after being accepted to the prestigious The National Society of

High Scholars, which recognizes the superior achievement of students across the nation.

NHSS chair Claes Nobel officially announced and welcomed Reyes' inclusion to the national organization of scholars.

"Congratulations on your scholastic achievement and your membership in the Society. You have joined a dynamic organization that connects young scholars to an educational community that shares a commitment to excellence, education, and world betterment," stated Nobel in his letter to Reyes. Nobel is the

Reyes

senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

He added that NHSS is committed to providing members with valuable and unique ben-

efits and encouraged Reyes to continue to strive for excellence.

"I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment Paolo Josef has demonstrated to achieve this level of academic

excellence. He is now a member of a unique community of scholars—a community that represents our very best hope for the future," added Nobel.

Membership in the society entitles students to enjoy a variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, online forums, and others.

According to NSHSS president James Lewis, the vision of the society is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities.

"We aim to help students like Paolo Josef build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desire to have a positive impact on the global community," said Lewis.

The NHSS was formed in 2002 and recognizes academic excellence at the high school level. It encourages members to apply their unique talents, vision, and potential for the betterment of themselves and the world. At present, there are over 800,000 members in more than 160 countries. (Moneth G. Deposa)



Dec. 19, 2000

PSS-GBI settlement talks in limbo

Public School System officials have opted to discontinue settlement talks with Guerrero Brothers Inc. without the presence of lawyers from both PSS and GBI parties, after exhausting discussions on Tinian over the weekend failed again to yield a compromise agreement on the pending Tinian High School project. Officials from the State Board of Education and the Tinian Legislative Delegation engaged in a heated debate with Mr. Pedro Guerrero of GBI, who reportedly would not budge to PSS' offer that the construction company accept the settlement amount and release the project to PSS.

Child and Family Services unveils priorities

The Child and Family Services has outlined under its 2000-2004 state plan five principal areas of priority to include parenting, volunteerism, response-centered advocacies, system-wide policies and procedures, and staff development and training, in renewed efforts to carry out effective social services reforms to the local community. The five-year state plan, one of many momentous contributions of recently retired Division of Youth Services Director Eloise Furey to the social services sector, began as early as 1996 and was completed based on common concerns raised by community members during the 1999 Family Symposium.

Dec. 19, 2001

Bid loser loses anew

The Office of the Public Auditor has denied the appeal filed by Hawaiian Rock Products Corp., after it lost out in the bidding for the paving of the Susupe Sports Complex parking lot and a road in Capitol Hill. This was the second time HRPC lost out in its appeal in connection with its failed bid for the two projects. The first time around, Division of Procurement and Supply Director Herman S. Sablan denied HRPC's protest that Western Equipment Inc. should not have won the bidding, prompting the firm to elevate its protest to the OPA. In its appeal, HRPC had insisted that Sablan improperly rejected HRPC's claim that it was low bidder. At the same time, HRPC argued that Sablan's decision not to disqualify WEI was contrary to the bid instructions, and that WEI was not a responsible bidder.

DOLI bars businessman from hiring nonresidents

A Chinese businessman who was convicted by a federal court on Guam for alien smuggling was sanctioned by the Department of Labor and Immigration for violating the Nonresident Workers' Act. In a 12-page administrative order, the department permanently barred Yu Hua, also known as Peter Hua, and the American Fucheng Corporation of which he was an officer, from further employing nonresident workers in the Commonwealth. The respondents were also fined \$4,000. The company operated a night club and massage parlor, and was also engaged in import-export activities, according to the department.

Dec. 19, 2002

Release of \$45M CUC stocks questioned

A board member of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has expressed concern over the mandated release of \$45 million preferred stocks to the Commonwealth Development Authority as it may pose conflict with partner federal agencies. In particular, Board member Jose Torres mentioned the CUC's partnership agreement with the Office of Insular Affairs and the Department of the Interior. Torres said the agencies "have a say in this corporation because of all the assistance we are getting are from them." This, he said, distinguishes the CUC from other autonomous agencies in the CNMI.

\$2M loan for Rota rehab OK'd

The Legislature has moved to authorize another government loan, this time amounting to \$2 million for the rehabilitation of Rota's physical infrastructure that were shattered by supertyphoon Pongsona. The House of Representatives and the Senate unanimously and simultaneously approved the legislative initiative to secure public debt for the repair and replacement of infrastructure systems in the First Senatorial District. The bill's author, Rota Rep. Daniel O. Quitugua, said the \$2 million will be used to speed up the reconstruction of essential public facilities such schools, the hospital and fire and police stations.

Delegates continue to push for Kilili's flag amendment



Delegates Eleanor Holmes Norton of the District of Columbia and Madeleine Z. Bordallo of Guam listen as Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan makes the case for including in the National Defense Authorization Act his provision, requiring that all territorial flags be displayed at military events whenever all U.S. state flags are displayed.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegates in Congress continued to press for a requirement that the District of Columbia and all territorial flags be displayed at military events and installations when the flags of all U.S. states are on display. Delegates Eleanor Holmes Norton of the District, Madeleine Z. Bordallo of Guam, and Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan of the Northern Mariana Islands held a press event yesterday at the House Radio and TV Gallery to explain the importance of the requirement, which they want included in the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act.

Sablan introduced the requirement for display of the District and all territorial flags as a stand-alone bill, H.R. 985, in March 2011. Numerous constituents who attended military welcomes for returning combat soldiers, graduations, and other formal events alerted the delegate that the Northern Marianas and other territorial flags were often missing from the displays.

H.R. 985 has 21 co-sponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives. Sablan was also able to have the language of his bill added to this year's Defense bill in the House. The Senate version of the bill did not include Sablan's provision.

House and Senate conferees are now in the final stages of putting together the final Defense bill and bringing it to the two chambers for a final vote. Yesterday's press event, as well as a similar Special Order on the House floor on Nov. 28, was an effort by the delegates to get Senate conferees to agree to Sablan's amendment in the House bill.

In addition, Delegates Eni Faleomavaega of American Samoa and Donna Christensen of the U.S. Virgin Islands and

Judiciary employees attend professional dev't trainings

cently embarked on a Profesenhance computer skills and to provide refresher courses in general court rules and procedures and the Code of Conduct.

Two classes have been conducted each week since the beginning of November, with the schedule of classes continuing until spring 2013. The Judiciary's Information and Technology Systems manager, Michael C. Villacrusis, has taught classes on Microsoft 7, Director of Court Tracy Guerrero and Associate Justice John A. Manglona led popular sessions on Microsoft Word and PowerPoint. The skill en-

The CNMI Judiciary has re- hancement classes have been attracting more members of sional Development program the staff as word spreads about for its non-judge personnel to the benefits to be derived from the training.

> In late November Maisie B. Tenorio, executive director of the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, gave a well-received presentation on sexual harassment policy and is expected back again in January 2013 for the second session.

> Upcoming sessions will include Basic Criminal Law and Procedure for the Marshal Division, a curriculum designed by Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho. In addition to class work, the marshals will continue to undergo field training. (NMI Judiciary)

Resident Commissioner Pedro Pierluisi of Puerto Rico, together with Norton and Sablan, sent a formal letter regarding the flag amendment to House and Senate conferees on Dec. 7. Bordallo, who sits on the House Armed Services Committee, is herself one of the conferees. (PR)





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December 19, 2012 THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

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	APPLICANT	DATE Application Received	APPLICATION Project Description	LOCATION	ТҮРЕ	STATUS				
1.	USA Fanther Corporation	10/15/12 SMS-2012-X-061	Rock Quarry	Kannat Tabla	Major Siting	Certified Complete				
2.	Triple J	10/16/212 SMS-2010-X-062 (A)	Planters	Chalan Kanoa	Amendment	Approved (10/17/2012)*				
3.	Sea Ventures Inc.	10/16/2012 SPIm-2012-X-063	Dry Dock	Delta Dock	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (10/18/2012)*				
4.	Saipan Aqua World Inc.	10/23/2012 SPIm-2012-X-064	Dry Dock	South Sea Plane Ramp	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (11/18/2012)*				
5.	DTC Saipan	10/23/2012 SSm-2012-X-065	Photographic Activities	Shoreline Areas	Shoreline APC	Approved (11/01/2012)*				
6.	Saipan Laulau Dev.	10/12/2012 SMS-91-X-79(Amend 2)	Trimming/Removal of Hlbicus	Laulau Bay Golf Course	Amendment	Approved (10/29/2012)*				
7.	Saipan Crewboats	11/15/2012 SPIm-2012-X-066	Dry Dock	Charlie Dock	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (11/08/2012)*				
8.	Auto Marine Inc.	11/13/2012 SPIm-2012-X-067	Dry Dock	Able Dock	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (12/04/2012)*				
9.	Saipan Crewboats	11/18/2012 SPIm-2012-X-068	Dry Dock	South Able Dock	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (12/29/2012)*				
10.	. Salbahe Company	11/16/2012 SSm-2012-X-069	Stage	Fiesta Resort & Spa	Shoreline APC	Approved (11/16/2012)*				

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*)

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.

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The time is now to discuss preventing mass tragedies

resident Barack Obama spoke from the heart, as a father, in mourning another senseless school shooting on Friday.

Wiping tears from his eyes and quoting from Psalm 147—"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their

wounds."—Mr. Obama showed as much emotion as he's ever displayed as president.

Now it's time for him to show resolve.

After perhaps the most-heartbreaking school shooting in U.S. history, America needs a president.

For too long in our nation's history, our politicians have shrunk from dealing with truly difficult problems.

Trying to stop innocent children from being slaughtered shouldn't be one of them.

The president hinted that a political discussion about such tragedies might be forthcoming when he said: "And we're going to have to come together and take meaningful action to prevent more tragedies like this, regardless of the politics."

Lead us in that conversation, Mr. President. Not as a father. Not as a candidate. But as the leader of the free world.

For a country as powerful as the United States is, it has utterly failed in the department of stopping mass shootings. Of the worst 20 mass shootings in the last 50 years, worldwide, 11 of them have taken place in the U.S. Our country is violent. We're angry. We love our guns and can get them easily.

Something must be done to reduce the carnage.

As we write this, the details in the Connecticut shooting aren't all in. But this much is obvious: Like Aurora, like Columbine, like Virginia Tech and Fort Hood, like Kirkwood in 2007, a man with ill intentions had easy access to guns and ammunition and used that access to murder over and over again.

One overarching gun control law won't end such shootings. Fully funding the mental health programs that states have

slashed in recent years won't quite do the job.

Metal detectors at schools aren't enough. Video cameras?

There are more questions than answers.

But the standard response from gun-rights supporters, that "now is not the time" to discuss solutions, has been washed away in the blood of 20 dead children.

Shedding a tear for the victims isn't enough. Hugging our children extra tight every single time another madman strikes doesn't do the job.

In politics, timing is everything. The day James Holmes shot up an Aurora, Colo., movie theater, leaving 12 dead people in his wake, Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper fell into the "now is not the time" to talk about gun control trap.

In the time after Tuesday's mall shooting in Oregon, and Friday's tragic school shooting in Connecticut, Mr. Hickenlooper found his voice. "I think now ... the time is right," he told the Associated Press just one day before perhaps the most unspeakable shooting yet.

We don't have the answers. But most of us in America know where to start looking for them.

We're waiting for leadership.

Be that leader, Mr. President. The time is now.

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ne of my daughters was married on 02.02.02, so why should I be surprised that many chose to walk the aisle on 12.12.12? We are not just being casual with these figures as it seems many with a numerology bent take them seriously.

Unless one has been adrift at sea or stranded in a remote island, or been wandering in the desert, the world has been informed that the Mayan calendar promotes an end of the world as we know it on Dec. 21, 2012.

We deliberately did not watch the 2012 premiere of the 2009 science fiction disaster movie. Directed by award-winning Richard Emmerich of the UniSol, Patriot, Indie Day, and the Day After Tomorrow fame (also, of Godzila, to cultic followers), we enjoyed previous productions because the director knows how to trigger the flow of adrenaline until the end credits are flashed on the screen. Imaginations' titillation was welcomed.

That was before Georgie Bush took Armageddon and Apocalypse metaphors to the NSC Room, made it a context to defense and foreign policy that seeped into the strategic thinking of ground troops who cocked and pointed their M-16s instantly, where before, one was trained not to point the darn thing unless one intended to kill. Though made and released on Obama's watch (Danny Glover plays an African-American President), the 2012 disaster movie was all we needed in a political climate already polarized.

When we went to watch Li Ang's *The Life of Pi* in Shenyang (currently playing on Saipan), we noticed that the movie theatre was again showing 2012. So we dug deep into our ¥ reserves once more and saw the show. I should have brought my high blood pressure pills along. The movie is happily not in 3D, though the adrenaline rush from spectacular scenes for two hours were still of tsunamic force!

Emmerich's crew got us real close and personal, and on the edge of our seats. Familiar places and architectural icons came tumbling down through the gimmickry of computer animation. I tried being just a participant observer but the movie just would not let us keep our distance.

Being an ardent partisan in the climate change debate, egging for realistic assessment of the excessive carbon in our atmosphere (particularly in coal-rich Dong Bei), we urge folks not to despair over the irreversible trend of more carbon emissions into our future, but pay attention to the biological evolution that takes place as the specie adopts to its changed environment. After all, as disaster movies seem to depict again and again, it is at the precipice of crisis that the human specie finally finds the will to change.

The movie 2012's premise is that the effect of solar flares overheats the earth's core. It then alludes to ancient calendar cycles formalized in ritualized patterns and expectations, like those of Mesoamerican civilizations, which gives the viewing a volatile concoction for a wild ride in the imagination.

The question is not whether the story is literally true as it is a

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query on why we keep telling a variation of the same theme. The Persian Zoroaster clashed forces of good and evil in a pattern of perpetual combat, aligning forces battling each other amongst Aryan-Semitic societies that flourished in the European peninsula and its spheres of influence. Saipan and Aomen, Hagatña and Manila are heirs to the conflicts of heaven and hell. A glance at the local Metaplex theatre will attest to this fascination.

Science demythologized the metaphors so that the contradiction is along the lines of humanity's hopes and dreams against the fragility of a biosphere that appears to cough like an organism when infected with a cold virus and subjected to numerous medication. The accelerated and intense incidences of tornadoes, droughts, storms, and earthquakes do give the impression that climate change has become Gaia personal!

We are two days away from the Mayan prediction, and unlike the movie, we do not have heads of governments secretly plotting with those in the private sector who can afford a billion euros per head to join the privileged few in berths at the arks of survival. Earlier, Aussie PM Julia Gillard, with wit uncommon to head of states, did a viral video declaring the Mayans are right: the end of the world was coming!

What we do have is humanity's consciousness at the brink of mental crisis. The Sandy Hook is a dramatic trigger, not surprisingly, followed by a reported Alabama hospital shooting, and an Oklahoma unearthed plot to shoot up another school. The deranged Chinaman we cited earlier who hacked schoolchildren to their hospital beds did so to "save" them from the horrors of the reported 2012 end-of-the-world projections. He's been subjected to too many end-of-the-world scenarios.

While it is people that kill people, guns make the effort faster. We see a deep malaise in the culture of guns (not to mention sophisticated drones and our arsenal of weapons of mass destructions) along with our excessive dependence on medication at the slight onset of pain.

It is time to act. We go through all kinds of security hoops to get on an airplane. Why not do the same with owning a gun and getting a prescription to pop a pill? Time to move on the NRA-beholden Congress, and pharma-patted MDs quick with the prescription pen. The year 2013 will need to see our feet do the talking!

Citizen Vergara reporting for duty, ma'am!

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Most powerful of 2012

here are people in and out of government who've made your list of powerful personalities of 2012 for one reason or another. I've got only one of my own, a dominant angelic personality that moved many of us over the receding year. But away from politics, pick a name that you really think plastered the newspapers, radio and television this year stirring emotions that bring us closer to reality.

On my list, it would have to be Little Dora—the young girl who was recently sent to Children's Hospital in San Diego—who patiently took it all while hanging on for dear life at the ICU one day at a time. Her story touched so many souls, illuminating what CHC could and couldn't do especially when strapped with funds while politicians play "Spin the Bottle" as they junket across the Pacific and the fruited plains. I use the term "illuminate" in view of the young girl's condition that showed us how CHC was stripped and paralyzed by the unthinking "we few" upstairs.

Foremost, you can't run a hospital with \$5 million when historically it has been funded some \$38 million annually. But the administration never changed its callous attitude nor was it willing to defray initial cost with provisional transition. The new CEO was handed unjust blame for the mess, the genesis of which came from upstairs. But he did his best to keep it afloat.

Infuriating though the hypocritical smiles from politicians who know CHC can't muster even marginal profits to repay any loan with MPLT. Yet they smile and refuse to reinstate its budget of some \$38 million to \$40 million annually. It confirms how politicians tell what's good for us for all the wrong reasons. Well, CHC must operate so why didn't you appropriate the requisite funds for it to move forward? Do we need one more half-cocked intramural level speech from you about the importance of health?

Dora's situation also confirmed the ambulatory limitations of CHC, no more, no less. This is the hospital we could afford, thus anything beyond its capability must be dealt with in concert with off-island medical centers in Honolulu or Manila, scarce funds permitting. Say thanks to the doctors, nurses, and ancillary staff here for their untiring dedication and sterling performance, ensuring that you walk out the front door with near or full recovery.

A lot is wrong with leadership, often dazed by its self-inflicted

negligence and apathy. But Dora the young angel showed us all that we needed to know about our hospital, taking charge of our health as a matter of personal responsibility and how politicians say one thing while exacting the complete opposite, boasting obvious indifference and apathy. Si Yuus Maase` Dora ya puede i man-añghet, Si Santa Maria yan i Sainata un' ma-echa milagrosu yan felis na bendision gi bespiran este na Noche Buena!

Coming to terms with reality!

Over the last year, I've joined the discussion favoring repeal of Article 12, not just out of a desire to present contrarian view but to remind everyone that we are under a permanent relationship with the U.S. per the Covenant Agreement.

Before taking my leap of faith, I also went back researching what the right to own property entails, its genesis or origin, intellectual discussion by some of history's heavyweights, including explanations from the first principles under which was established our national constitution. The time-honored arguments defending a citizen's rights to own property started over 400 years before the birth of Christ, the homesteading program was started by God the Father (review your Bible for you will confirm my findings of truth).

Indeed, there is stark difference in my considered position on this issue that simply follows a reality we've chosen to ignore—U.S. citizenship—and other mandates under the Covenant Agreement. It was met with disdain even with close friends. It illuminated honest differences of opinion to which we hold no grudges in contrarian views. But the premise of my argument revolves around the reality of our being U.S. citizens. When you understand what the concept entails, your argument would also flow right into the river of presentations I've given about a citizen's natural rights to own property, or in this case, land.

Even more importantly, the Covenant Agreement clearly acknowledges what's known as the "supremacy of laws." In this case it means that when local laws (NMI Constitution included) run contrary to federal laws and the law of the land—U.S. Constitution—the latter prevails or rules. Having said this, it means that from the beginning Article 12 is void *ab initio*—null and void from the very beginning. What's the underlying reason for this?

There are three kinds of rights: natural, civil, and human. Natural

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rights per the first principles upon which was founded the U.S. Constitution declares it unalienable, meaning it can't be violated nor infringed. It isn't civil law—a creature of the legislature—that entails your right to vote. Your civil right to vote instantly ends when, i.e., you become a criminal. You're disallowed from voting and herein you'll find the difference between a natural and civil right. You may be prevented to vote as a criminal but won't lose your rights to own your property given that it is "unalienable."

Interesting how politicians have used the term "protection" promoting retaining Article 12. But isn't it true that the same provision also emasculates or takes away landownership? So where's the protection for landowners? Aren't these fully polished hypocrites supposed to be on the front lines protecting citizens' rights to landownership 100 percent?

The idea of approaching issues as though the NMI is a sovereign state—independent of the U.S.—must end. It is legally unrealistic! Simultaneously, the call for greater self-rule per the Covenant Agreement must be respected and used as our foundation to strengthening good governance. Some have even confused self-government with sovereignty or even chance spouting that the NMI is under a "supervised" sovereignty, a self-concocted and non-existent concept. No, sir! Either you have it or you don't. In our case, we aren't sovereign but a political subserviency of our national government.

In short, reset your button by acknowledging the mandates of the Covenant Agreement if only to come to terms with shifts in paradigms in place since 1978, especially U.S. citizenship. Albeit difficult, this transition must be allowed to bear fruition so we begin addressing with stronger commitment protecting the rights of citizens.

We don't have to live with the gun violence

By DAN GROSS

THE HARTFORD COURANT

his time the shots didn't ring out in a movie theater in Colorado, or outside of a Safeway in Arizona, or a spa in Wisconsin, or a temple or a college campus. This time it was children, elementary school boys and girls in Newtown, their bodies carted out like battlefield casualties.

A few days earlier there was the mass shooting of Christmas shoppers at an Oregon mall. The week before, it was the murder-suicide by an NFL player. And every day there were—and are—the less prominent shootings that claim 100,000 victims every year in America, 30,000 of them deaths.

We all know the post-shooting drill: Politicians will cue up their condolences, and run for cover from Americans demanding solutions to our nation's gun violence epidemic. It is "not the time" to discuss solutions, they will claim—then wait for the nation's attention to be diverted by the next turn of the news cycle.

There are two basic ways we can respond to America's relentless gun carnage. One is resignation at our leaders' failure to address gun violence as we do every other public health and safety problem, and acceptance that periodic mass shootings and 87 gun deaths a day is simply a fact of life in our country. This view assumes that Americans are simply more prone to violence than other peoples, and that we are unavoidably fated to live awash with guns, with no realistic way to ever control dangerous people's access to high-powered weaponry.

Give up, say the cynics. The gun lobby can't be beaten.

Reload, says the gun lobby. Arm the movie theaters, the temples, the colleges and elementary schools. You can't stop the shootings, you can only shoot back.

We must reject that dark vision—and most Americans do. We believe that Americans are at least as decent and good and peaceful

as people of other nations. We also believe that this great nation—which has led the world in war and peace, in economy and medicine and so much else—is at least as capable of tackling the problem of gun violence as the rest of the industrialized world has already done. We are better than this, an emerging majority says.

Cynicism and resignation, we believe, are weapons as destructive



LAMBS TO THE SLAUGHTER

as the semiautomatic AK-47 clones so readily available to dangerous people in America.

More and more Americans are raising their voices, and engaging in an honest, open, thoughtful conversation about the need to address our gun violence problem. This conversation is respectful of the now-recognized Second Amendment rights of law-abiding, responsible citizens, while deeply aware of the public safety risks posed by guns, and open to policies that can keep guns out of dangerous hands and off the streets.

This conversation is happening in promising—often surprising—ways. Bob Costas introduced the subject of gun violence in America to "Football Night in America." Bill O'Reilly expressed

support for stronger gun policies. Before that, George Bush's speechwriter Michael Gerson and Rupert Murdoch called for stronger gun laws.

GOP pollster Frank Luntz found that 74 percent of gun owners and NRA members support expanding Brady background checks to all gun sales. (Under existing law, no background checks are required for 40 percent of gun sales.)

And the Supreme Court (per conservative Justice Antonin Scalia) has held that while the Second Amendment does not allow the government to deprive responsible citizens of guns in the home for self-defense, the Constitution also allows the people, through their elected representatives, to reasonably regulate guns and their use.

Victims who lost loved ones in Aurora, Tucson, and other mass shootings are leading the way, calling for action to spare other families the tragedies they have suffered. This week, Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper said it was time to engage in this conversation and address what can be done to reduce gun deaths and injuries.

Americans are coming together in that vast middle policy ground, and speaking out for common-sense laws that will prevent much of the bloodshed to which we are far too accustomed. After all, in America it's often the people who lead.

Now it's time for our leaders to follow.

Dan Gross is president of the Brady Campaign and Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence based in Washington. He wrote this for the Hartford Courant.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.

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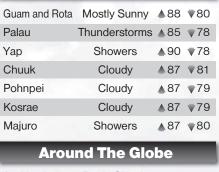
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Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Beijing	Cloudy	▲ 30	▼18
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71	▼ 63
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 79	▼ 71
London	Rain	▲ 50	₹42
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 61	₹41
Manila	Partly Cloudy	≜ 86	₹79
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71	▼ 56
Miami	Mostly Sunny	≜ 81	₹68
New York	Sunny	▲ 48	▼33
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 48	▼37
Paris	Rain	▲ 51	▼ 46
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 45	₹29
Rome	Cloudy	▲ 53	▼37
Salem	Ice	▲ 43	▼38
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PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A near-equatorial trough runs northeastward from EQN138E through a weak circulation southwest of Chuuk at 3N148E to another weak circulation at 2N167E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found from south of Chuuk and Pohnpei to near Kosrae and Majuro or to the south of a line from 7N153 to 8N174E. Convergent low-level winds are triggering scattered showers near and northeast of Kwajalein within 125 miles of a line from 9N166E to 15N180. A cold front southeast of Minami Tori Shima curves southwestward from 25N157E to 20N153E then continues as a shear line to beyond 11N130E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found within 175 miles of the cold front and northwest of Yap and Koror between 11N and 15N from 130E to 136E.

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FRE 300 Rota-Saipan	17:00 17:50	17:30 18:20	Daily Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
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Business

Bangladesh probe: Fire sabotage, owner negligent

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—

A Bangladesh government committee investigating the garment factory fire that killed 112 people last month said in its findings that the blaze was sabotage, probably by someone who worked there.

But the panel said that no matter who set the fire, the owner of the factory also should be punished for the deaths because he neglected worker safety.

"If someone is responsible for such a huge number of deaths, that's him. He has failed to ensure safety," committee head Mainuddin Khandaker said of factory owner Delwar Hossain.

Some government and garment industry officials had alleged soon after the Nov. 24 fire that it was an act of sabotage, though a fire official said casualties would have been greatly reduced if the factory had followed safety rules.

The factory lacked emergen-

BUSINESS BRIEFS

GM boosts pickup truck deals to shed inventory

DETROIT (AP)—With Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra pickup trucks piling up on dealer lots, General Motors is offering generous deals to thin the stock. It's matching or beating discounts from rivals Ford and Chrysler, offering up to \$9,000 off remaining 2012 models and close to \$4,500 off 2013s. That, plus low interest rates, sweet lease deals and abundant financing, is good news for people in the market for a truck. "They're all very competitive with each other right now," said Russell Barnett, who owns dealerships around Winchester, Tenn., southeast of Nashville, that sell GM pickups as well as the Ford F-Series and Chrysler's Ram. "The manufacturers are putting a big emphasis on it, and there's a lot of people in the market."

AIG raises \$6.4B from sale of remaining AIA stake

HONG KONG (AP)—U.S. insurance company AIG has sold its remaining stake in Asian life insurer AIA Group for \$6.4 billion. Hong Kong-based AIA Group said Tuesday that American International Group sold nearly 1.65 billion shares. They were sold at 30.30 Hong Kong dollars (\$3.90) each and represented AIG's remaining stake of approximately 14 percent. AIG said on Monday it plans to use the proceeds from the sale for general corporate purposes. AIG sold \$6 billion in AIA Group stock in March and \$2 billion more in another sale in September. After the September stock sale it was restricted from selling any of its remaining shares until Dec. 10.

cv exits and Hossain has said two other investigations are only three floors of the eightstory building were legally built. Surviving employees said gates had been locked and managers had told them to go back to work after the fire alarm went off.

The four-member committee submitted its report to the government Monday. At least

continuing.

Khandaker, an official with the Ministry of Home Affairs, told The Associated Press that committee members believe some people who worked at the factory were involved in the sabotage.

"Otherwise, how come they locked the gates? How come

they asked the workers to go back to work even after the fire alarm?" he said.

Three factory officials suspected of locking workers inside the building were arrested days after the fire and remain in custody.

Khandaker said the panel recommended further investigation through a "powerful intelligence

Mass. fines Morgan Stanley \$5M over Facebook IPO

(AP)—Morgan Stanley, the lead underwriter for Facebook's troubled public stock offering, has agreed to pay \$5 million to Massachusetts' securities regulators after they accused it of disclosing a revenue shortfall only to certain analysts and not the general public.

According to state regulators, a Morgan Stanley banker organized phone calls between Facebook's treasurer and the analysts of major underwriters to relay revenue figures that weren't included in revised documents Facebook Inc. filed with U.S. securities authorities on May 9, about a week before the initial public offering of stock.

The numbers were lower than what many analysts had expected and caused them to revise their about 3 percent below the \$5 billion that Facebook had earlier forecast for 2012, according to Massachusetts officials.

The renewed estimates were available to investment banks but not individual investors who bought into one of the most highly anticipated initial public offerings of stock in history.

"Main Street investors were put at a significant disadvantage to Wall Street," Massachusetts' Secretary of the Commonwealth, William Galvin, said in a press release Monday.

Facebook shares were priced at \$38, the top of a projected range, but finished the first day of exuberant trading barely above its initial public offering price, at \$38.23. Since then, shares have failed to return to annual revenue estimates down that lofty valuation. On Monday, they closed down 3 cents at \$26.78, about 30 percent below the IPO price.

Morgan Stanley didn't admit guilt but agreed to be censured and pay the fine. Spokesman Wesley McDade said in a statement that the company was pleased "to have put this matter behind us."

"Morgan Stanley is committed to robust compliance with both the letter and the spirit of all applicable regulations and laws," he said.

In October, Massachusetts' Galvin also slapped Citigroup with a \$2 million fine after one of its analysts leaked information to a popular technology blog that was supposed to be private until 40 days after Facebook's IPO. The employee was fired.

agency" to unearth the insiders.

No matter who is responsible for setting the fire, Khandaker said, "We can't spare the owner of the factory. He is responsible for his failure to ensure safety. I have recommended specifically to bring the owner under the purview of law."

Hossain "tried to defend himself" under questioning from the committee, Khandaker said. "But I can tell you clearly that he had serious negligence as he has failed to follow existing

building code and safety rules." A phone call seeking comment from Hossain rang unan-

swered Monday night.

The committee recommended that the government form a "powerful task force" to ensure safety at garment factories across the country. The garment industry accounts for about 80 percent of Bangladesh's exports, and workers' rights groups say existing regulations have gone unenforced because officials fear the industry's power.



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2 funerals begin a sad procession in Connecticut

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP)-Opening a long and almost unbearable procession of grief, Newtown began laying its dead to rest Monday, holding funerals for two 6-year-old boys—one a football fan who was buried in a New York Giants jersey and one whose twin sister survived the rampage.

Two funeral homes filled mourners for Noah Pozner and Jack Pinto, the first of the 20 children killed in last week's school massacre to receive funerals. The gunman also killed six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary, and his mother in her home, before committing suicide.

A rabbi presided at Noah's service, and in keeping with Jewish tradition, the boy was laid to rest in a simple brown wooden casket with a Star of David on it.

"If Noah had not been taken from us, he would have become a great man. He would been a wonderful husband and a loving father," Noah's uncle, Alexis Haller, told mourners, according to remarks he provided to The Associated Press. Both services were closed to the news media.

Noah's twin, Arielle, who was assigned to a different classroom, survived the killing frenzy by 20-year-old Adam Lanza, an attack so horrifying that authorities could not say three days later whether the school would ever reopen.

Newtown, a community of 27,000 people, will face many more funerals over the next few days, just as other towns are getting ready for the holidays.

"I feel like we have to get back to normal, but I don't know if there is normal anymore," said Kim Camputo,



Mourners gather outside the funeral service of Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting victim, Jack Pinto, 6, Monday, Dec. 17, 2012, in Newtown, Conn

mother of two children, 5 and 10, who attend a different school. "I'll definitely be dropping them off and picking them up myself for a while."

Beyond Newtown, parents nervously sent their children back to class in a country deeply shaken by the attack, and in a measure of how the tragedy has put people on edge, schools were locked down in at least four places.

As investigators worked to figure out what drove Lanza to lash out with such fury-and why he singled out the school federal agents said he had fired guns at shooting ranges over the past several years but there was no evidence he did so recently as practice for the rampage.

At Jack's Christian service, hymns rang out from inside the funeral home, where the boy lay in an open casket in the Giants' star wide receiver Victor Cruz's No. 80 jersey. Jack was among the youngest members of a youth wrestling association in Newtown, and dozens of little boys turned up at the service in gray Newtown Wrestling T-shirts.

Ten-year-old Luke Wellman remembered a boy who loved football and wrestling and

worshipped Cruz, who played in Sunday's game with "Jack Pinto 'My Hero'" written on one of his cleats. Luke said: "I'm here to support my teammate and friend."

A mourner, Gwendolyn Glover, said the service carried a message of comfort and protection, particularly for other children. "The message was: You're secure now. The worst is over," she said.

At Noah's funeral, the boy was described a smart, funny and mischievous child who loved animals, Mario Brothers video games and tacos.

"I will miss your forceful and purposeful little steps stomping through our house. I will miss your perpetual smile, the twinkle in your dark blue eyes, framed by eyelashes that would be the envy of any lady in this room," his mother, Veronique Pozner, told mourners, according to Haller.

'Most of all, I will miss your visions of your future. You wanted to be a doctor, a soldier, a taco factory manager. It was your favorite food, and no doubt you wanted to ensure that the world kept producing tacos," she said, evoking laughter from the crowd.

She closed by saying: "Momma loves you, little man."

At both funeral homes, as around the country, people wrestled with what steps could and should be taken to prevent something like the massacre from happening again.

"If people want to go hunting, a single-shot rifle does the job, and that does the job to protect your home, too. If you need more than that, I don't know what to say," Ray DiStephan said outside Noah's funeral.

talization. Once a regular smoker, he had a portion of a lung removed in the 1960s after a misdiagnosis for cancer. Just last week, he issued a statement expressing

Despite his age and illness, Inouye's death shocked members of the Senate.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who becomes president pro tem of the Senate. Leahy also is poised to take over the Senate Appropriations Committee.

"He was the kind of man, in short, that America has always been grateful to have, especially in her darkest hours, men who lead by example and who expect nothing in return," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

Gun control gets unlikely backers on Capitol Hill

WASHINGTON (AP)— Prominent gun-rights advocates in Congress are now calling for a national discussion about restrictions to curb gun violence, signaling that the horrific shooting at a Connecticut elementary school could be a tipping point in a debate that has been dormant for years.

"Everything should be on the table," West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin declared Monday. He is a conservative Democrat, avid hunter and lifelong member of the National Rifle Association. Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa proposed a debate not just about guns but also about mental issues.

White House officials said President Barack Obama would make preventing gun violence a second-term policy priority. But it was unclear what Obama would pursue or how, and aides said stricter gun laws would be only part of any effort.

The president met Monday afternoon with Vice President Joe Biden and a handful of Cabinet members to begin discussions on ways the country should respond to the Newtown shootings. Among those in attendance were Attorney General Eric Holder, Education Secretary Arne Duncan, and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

It remains to be seen whether Obama and Congress can turn their rhetoric into action or whether the shock over the Connecticut shootings will fade before they do. Public opinion has shifted against tougher gun control in recent years, and the gun lobby is a powerful political force, particularly in Republican primaries. Also, Obama has called for a national dialogue after other mass shootings during his presidency, only to see those efforts take a backseat to other pressing issues.

This time, the president has vowed to use "whatever power this office holds" to safeguard the nation's children against gun violence, suggesting he may put political muscle behind an assault weapons ban. He has long supported reinstating the ban, which expired in 2004, but never pressed for in his first term. Liberal Democrats on Capitol Hill are already laying the groundwork for legislation to outlaw the military-style arms.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., vowed Congress would soon "engage in a meaningful conversation and thoughtful debate about how to change laws and culture that al-

Opinion on guns

What Americans say about gun laws and the meaning of recent mass shootings:

· Do you favor or oppose stricter gun control laws in the U.S.? Favor

Oppose Unsure: 2%

· A ban on the manufacture. sale and possession of semiautomatic assault guns, such as the AK-47

57 Oppose Unsure: 1%

Favor

Broader problems in society Just isolated acts

Recent shootings reflect:

of troubled individuals Newtown, Conn.

Aurora, Colo. July 2012

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Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 2011

Va. Tech., April 2007 46

Source: Pew Research Center poll, Dec. 14-16, 2012, of 746 adults; margin of error: +/-4.3 percentage points; CNN/ORC poll Aug. 7-8, 2012, of 1,010 adults; margin of error: +/-3 percentage points; Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation poll, July 25-Aug. 5, 2012, of 3,130 adults; margin of error: +/- 2 percentage points; Graphic: Judy Treible

low violence to grow." The Senate Judiciary Committee will hold hearings on gun violence early next year.

Twenty children and six adults were killed when a gunman carrying a high-powered military-style rifle and other guns stormed Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Conn., Friday morning.

Virginia's Mark Warner, one of the few Senate Democrats who has found favor with gun rights groups, reversed course to back restrictions on assault weapons.

"The status quo is not acceptable anymore," he said. Since the shootings, the Na-

tional Rifle Association has been silent. Requests for comments have gone unanswered. and officials are turning down interview requests until they have more details. Their 1.7 million-strong Facebook group has disappeared, and the group's Twitter accountwhich is a favorite platform to communicate with supporters—has not sent a message since before the grim reality of Friday's shootings set in.

Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii dead at 88

WASHINGTON (AP)—Recovering from war wounds that left him with one arm, Danny Inouye wanted a cigarette and needed a light.

The nurse at the Army hospital in Michigan threw a pack of matches on his chest. He wanted to curse her. Instead, she taught him how to light it one-handed. "Then she said, 'I'm not going to be around here for the rest of your life. You'll have to learn how to light your own matches, cut your own meat, dress yourself and do everything else. So from now on you're going to be learning," Inouye recalled decades later.

From that moment on it seemed like nothing would stop a determined Daniel K. Inouve, who died Monday after a uniquely American life defined by heroism in war and decades of service in the Senate—and a lifelong love of Hawaii symbolized by his last utterance.

"Aloha." Inouye, who broke racial barriers on Capitol Hill and played key roles in congressional investigations of the Watergate and Iran-Contra scandals, was 88.

A senator since January 1963, Inouye was currently the longest serving senator and was president pro tempore of the Senate, third

in the line of presidential succession. His office said Monday that he died of respiratory complications at a Washington-area hospital.

Less than an hour after Inouve's passing,

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid announced Inouye's death to a stunned chamber. "Our friend Daniel Inouye has died," Reid said somberly. Shocked members of the Senate stood in the aisles or slumped in their chairs.

Inouye

Inouye was a World War II hero and Medal of Honor recipient who lost an arm to a German hand grenade during a battle in Italy. He became

the first Japanese-American to serve in Congress, when he was elected to the House in 1959, the year Hawaii became a state. He won election to the Senate three years later and served there longer than anyone in American history except Robert Byrd of

West Virginia, who died in 2010 after 51 years in the Senate.

President Barack Obama, a native of Hawaii, said in a statement, "Tonight, our country has lost a true American hero with

the passing of Sen. Daniel Inouye. ... It was his incredible bravery during World War II-including one heroic effort that cost him his arm but earned him the Medal of Honor—that made Danny not just a colleague and a mentor, but someone revered by all of us lucky enough to know him."

Obama also sent a tweet that ended "Aloha, Danny." Inouye died after a relatively brief hospioptimism about his recovery.

"I'm too broken up," said

Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie will appoint a replacement, choosing from a list of three candidates selected by the state Democratic Party. "We're preparing to say goodbye," Abercrombie said. "Everything else will take place in good time."

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Asia

PH OKs divisive contraceptives bill

MANILA, Philippines (AP)-Philippine legislators passed a landmark bill Monday that would provide government funding for contraceptives and sexuality classes in schools despite strong opposition by the dominant Roman Catholic Church and its followers, some of whom threatened to ask the Supreme Court to block the legislation.

The Senate and the House of Representatives passed different versions of the bill, which languished in Congress for more than a decade as legislators avoided colliding with the influential church. The two versions will have to be reconciled before President Benigno Aquino III has an opportunity to sign the legislation.

In a scene considered unusual just a few years ago, lawmakers openly defied the church's stand during the plenary voting, which was shown live on nationwide TV.

"The Catholic church has steadfastly opposed the (reproductive health) bill for 13 years," said Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, a key proponent. "But I humbly submit this afternoon that there is no force more powerful than an idea whose time has come."

Aquino, who certified the bill as urgent, considers it a major step toward reducing maternal deaths and promoting family planning in the impoverished country, which has one of Asia's fastest-growing populations. Church leaders said in a pastoral letter Sunday that if passed, the bill would



Filipino Congressman Walden Bello, right, is hugged by supporters as Philippine legislators pass a landmark law that would provide government funding for contraceptives and sexuality classes at the Philippine Congress in suburban Quezon City, north of Manila, Philippines on Monday, Dec. 17, 2012.

put the moral fiber of the nation at risk.

Archbishop Socrates Villegas, vice president of the Philippines' Bishops Conference, said that "the wide and free accessibility of contraceptives will result in the destruction of family life."

"Money for contraceptives can be better used for education and authentic health care," he said, adding that "those who corrupt the minds of children will invoke divine wrath on themselves."

The long delay in the bill's passage has been attributed to politicians' fear of upsetting conservative Catholic bishops, who helped mobilize popular support for the 1986 "people power" revolt that toppled dictator Ferdinand Marcos and the 2001 overthrow of another president, Joseph Estrada.

But in a sign of changing times and attitudes, particularly across generations, reformist civil society groups and Aquino threw their weight behind the bill despite the threat of a backlash.

An independent survey in June last year found that 68 percent of respondents agreed that the government should fund all means of family planning. An October survey of 600 teenagers in Manila, the capital, also carried out by the Social Weather Stations institute, found that 87 percent believed the government should provide reproductive health services to the poor.

The United Nations said early this year that the bill would help reduce an alarming number of pregnancy-related deaths, prevent life-threatening abortions and slow the spread of AIDS.

N. Korea displays Kim Jong II a year after death

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—North Korea unveiled

the embalmed body of Kim Jong II, still in his trademark khaki jumpsuit, on the anniversary of his death Monday as mourning mixed with pride over a recent satellite launch that was a long-held goal of the late authoritarian leader.

Kim lies in state a few floors below his father, national founder Kim Il Sung, in the Kumsusan mausoleum, the cavernous former presidential palace. Kim Jong Il is presented lying beneath a red blanket, a spotlight shining on his face in a room sunglasses and pointy plat-

suffused in red.

Wails echoed through the chilly hall as a group of North Korean women sobbed into the sashes of their traditional Korean dresses as they bowed before his body. The hall bearing the glass coffin was opened to select visitors—including The Associated Press-for the first time since his death.

North Korea also unveiled Kim's yacht and his armored train carriage, where he is said to have died. Among the personal belongings featured in the mausoleum are the parka,

form shoes he famously wore in the last decades of his life. A MacBook Pro lay open on his desk.

North Koreans paid homage to Kim and basked in the success of last week's launch of a long-range rocket that sent a satellite named after him to space.

The launch, condemned in many other capitals as a violation of bans against developing its missile technology, was portrayed not only as a gift to Kim Jong Il but also as proof that his young son, Kim Jong Un, has the strength and vision to lead

ASIAN BRIEFS

Car bomb kills 17 people in market in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)— A car bomb exploded in a crowded market in Pakistan's troubled northwest tribal region near the Afghan border Monday, killing 17 people and wounding more than 40 others, officials said. The bomb went off near the women's waiting area of a bus stop close to the office of one of the Khyber tribal area's top political officials, said Hidayat Khan, a local government official. It was unclear

added. The 17 dead included five boys and two women, said Abdul Qudoos, a doctor at a local hospital in Jamrud town, where the attack occurred. At least 44 people were wounded, he said.

Fiji begins cleanup after **Cyclone Evan passes**

SUVA, Fiji (AP)—Fiji residents are beginning to clean up after a powerful cyclone blew through the Pacific island nation. Cyclone Evan on Monday ripped roofs from homes and churches,

if the office was the target, he flooded roads and forced thousands to evacuate their homes. Strong seas near the capital, Suva, pulled two container ships onto a reef. Authorities say they hope to refloat them. Overall, Fiji appears to have come through the storm relatively intact, with some places yet to be assessed. There are no reports of deaths, the international airport at Nadi reopened Tuesday and most tourist resorts sustained only minor damage. Power and communications remain down in parts of the country.

World

Syrian vice president says army can't win

BEIRUT (AP)—Syria's vice president has acknowledged that the army cannot defeat the rebel forces trying to topple the regime and called for a negotiated settlement to save the country from ruin.

The rare, candid comments by Farouk al-Sharaa, a longtime close aide to President Bashar Assad's family, suggested his embattled regime may be contemplating an exit strategy as rebel forces move closer to the capital Damascus. He spoke in an interview published Monday by Lebanese newspaper Al-Akhbar.

"I don't see that what the security forces and army units are doing will lead to a definitive victory," al-Sharaa was quoted as saying in the interview conducted in Damascus.

"All these opposition forces can only conclude the battle to topple the regime if their goal is to push the country into chaos and a cycle of violence that has no end," he added.

Al-Sharaa pushed for a negotiated political settlement that includes the formation of a national unity government with wide jurisdiction.

His comments coincided with a step-by-step peace plan for Syria outlined by Iranian officials on Sunday. It would be capped by Syrian elections that presumably could usher in a new leader in Damascus.

Tehran is Assad's closest and perhaps only remaining regional ally and the initiative suggests its embrace of the Syrian president could be cooling.

The initiative—while almost certain to be rejected by Syrian rebel factions—marks one of the clearest signals yet that Iran's leadership is looking to hedge its bets and remain a player in Syrian affairs if Assad is toppled.

It was unclear whether al-Sharaa's comments were timed to coordinate with the Iranian initiative.

"Despite his rhetoric, Bashar Assad may now be contemplating an exit strategy—one which would allow him to seek refuge abroad with his neck intact," said Anthony Skinner, an analyst at Maplecroft, a British risk analysis company.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesperson Victoria Nuland said the statement by al-Sharaa "speaks to the pressure that the Syrian regime is under."

"Regrettably, however, it hasn't changed the regime's behavior, including the brutality it's inflicting on its own people," she added.

Al-Sharaa, 73, a longtime loyalist to the Assad family, has been a controversial figure since the start of the uprising.

He appeared in public in late August for the first time in weeks, ending repeated rumors that he had defected. The regime has suffered a string of prominent defections in recent months, though Assad's inner circle and military have largely kept their cohesive stance behind him. Assad and his inner circle are predominantly Alawites, a minority sect that is an offshoot of Shiite Islam. The opposition is dominated by the majority Sunni Muslims.

Israel pushes on with east Jerusalem building plan

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israel on Monday said it was pushing forward with plans to build hundreds of homes in a Jewish settlement of east Jerusalem, risking renewed tensions with the Palestinians and its Western allies over the contentious project.

The announcement was part of a new Israeli settlement push announced earlier this month as retaliation for the Palestinians' success in winning U.N. recognition for a state at the United Nations. Israel was widely criticized internationally for the settlement plans, though actual construction would be far in the future.

An Interior Ministry committee on Monday approved an intermediate stage of planning for the construction of 1,500 apartments in the Ramat Shlomo neighborhood, a part of the city Palestinians claim for a future capital. The plan had been in the pipeline since it was first announced in 2010 during a visit to Israel by Vice President Joe Biden, causing a major diplomatic rift with Washington that took months to mend.

spokeswoman Ministry Efrat Orbach said the project still must go through several additional planning stages, and it could be years before final approval and construction.

Nabil Abu Rdeneh, a spokesman for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, condemned the move, calling it a "stark challenge to the entire international community."

There was no immediate American reaction. Israel announced plans early this month to build thousands of settlement homes, including in Ramat Shlomo, in response to the U.N. General Assembly's recognition of a Palestinian state in the West Bank, east Jerusalem and Gaza Strip, territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war. The U.S., Israel's closest ally, condemned the construction plans, and several European allies summoned Israeli ambassadors to lodge formal protests.

Israel strongly objected to

the Palestinian's U.N. bid, saying it was an attempt to bypass negotiations. Israel rejects a return to its 1967 lines.

Israel annexed east Jerusalem following the 1967 war and claims the area, home to sensitive Jewish, Christian and Muslim holy sites, as an inseparable part of its capital. The Palestinians also claim east Jerusalem as the capital of their hoped-for state. About 200,000 Jews and roughly 250,000 Palestinians live in east Jerusalem.

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Focus

Conn. victims: Lively youngsters, devoted adults

EWTOWN, Conn. (AP)—At the very start of their lives, the schoolchildren are remembered for their love of horses, or for the games they couldn't get enough of, or for always saying grace at dinner. The adult victims found their life's work in sheltering little ones, teaching them, caring for them, treating them as their own. The gunfire Friday at Sandy Hook Elementary School left a toll both unbearable and incalculable: 20 students and six adults at the school, the gunman's mother at home, and the gunman himself.

A glimpse of some of those who died:

CHARLOTTE BACON, 6

They were supposed to be for the holidays, but finally on Friday, after hearing much begging, Charlotte Bacon's mother relented and let her wear the new pink dress and boots to school.

It was the last outfit the outgoing redhead would ever pick out. Charlotte's older brother, Guy, was also in the school but was not shot.

Her parents, JoAnn and Joel, had lived in Newtown for four or five years, JoAnn's brother John Hagen, of Nisswa, Minn., told Newsday.

"She was going to go some places in this world," Hagen told the newspaper. "This little girl could light up the room for anyone."

DANIEL BARDEN, 7

Daniel's family says he was "fearless in the pursuit of happiness in life."

He was the youngest of three children and in a statement to the media, his family said Daniel earned his missing two front teeth and ripped jeans.

"Words really cannot express what a special boy Daniel was. Such a light. Always smiling, unfailingly polite, incredibly affectionate, fair and so thoughtful towards others, imaginative in play, both intelligent and articulate in conversation: in all, a constant source of laughter and joy," the family said.

His father, Mark, is a local musician. The New Haven Register reported the father had been scheduled to play a show at a restaurant Friday in Danbury that was later canceled.

On the biography on his professional website, Mark Barden lists spending time with his family as his favorite activity.

RACHEL D'AVINO, 29

Days before the Connecticut shooting rampage, Rachel D'Avino's boyfriend had asked her parents for permission to marry her.



Names of victims hang on a U.S. flag on a makeshift memorial in the Sandy Hook village of Newtown, Conn., as the town mourns victims killed in a school shooting, Monday, Dec. 17, 2012. Authorities say a gunman killed his mother at their home and then opened fire inside the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, killing 26 people, including 20 children, before taking his own life, on Friday.

D'Avino was a behavioral therapist who had only recently started working at the school, according to Lissa Lovetere Stone, a friend who is handling her funeral planned for Friday.

D'Avino's boyfriend, Anthony Cerritelli, planned to ask her to marry him on Christmas Eve, Lovetere Stone said.

Lovetere Stone said she met D'Avino in 2005 when D'Avino was assigned to her son, who has autism, in their town of Bethlehem, Conn. D'Avino, 29, was so dedicated she would make home visits and frequently offer guidance on handling situations such as helping her son deal with loud music at a wedding.

"Her job didn't end when the school bell rang at 3 o'clock," Lovetere Stone said.

Police told her family that she shielded one of the students during the rampage, Lovetere Stone said.

"I'm heartbroken. ľm numb," Lovetere Stone said. "I think she taught me more about how to be a good mother to a special needs child than anyone else ever had."

OLIVIA ENGEL, 6

Images of Olivia Rose Engel show a happy child, one with a great sense of humor, as her family said in a statement. There she is, visiting with Santa Claus, or feasting on a slice of birthday cake. Or swinging a pink baseball bat, posing on a boat, or

making a silly face.

Olivia loved school, did very well in math and reading, and was "insightful for her age," said the statement released by her uncle, John Engel.

She was a child who "lit up a room and the people around her." Creative with drawing and designing, she was also a tennis and soccer player and took art classes, swimming, and dance lessons in ballet and hip hop. A Daisy Girl Scout, she enjoyed musical theater.

"She was a great big sister and was always very patient with

her 3-yearbrother, Brayden," her family said,

eventbrite.com/ recalling that her favorite colors Covington, Ky., said Josephine were purple and pink.

Olivia was learning the rosary and always led grace before the family dinner. "She was a grateful child who was always appreciative and never greedy," the family said.

Her father said she was a 6-year-old who had a lot to look forward to.

Dan Merton, a longtime friend of the girl's family, recalled that she loved attention, had perfect manners and was a teacher's pet.

"Her only crime," he said, "is being a wiggly, smiley 6-year-old."

JOSEPHINE GAY, 7

Josephine Gay had turned 7 just three days before the shooting.

On Monday, purple balloons—her favorite color sprouted from the family mailbox and those of all her neighbors.

In the back of the yellow house on a quiet cul-de-sac sat a jungle gym.

"Joey' is a beautiful little girl, may she never be forgotten and live forever in our hearts," wrote Polly Larsen. of Sunnyvale, Calif., on Facebook. She said she was close friends with the cousin of Josephine's mother.

A person who answered

the phone at ON THE NET Mother ■ http://noahsarkofhopefund. God Catholic Church in

was the great-niece of the pastor, the Rev. Raymond Hartman.

DAWN HOCHSPRUNG, 47, principal

Dawn Hochsprung's pride in Sandy Hook Elementary was clear. She regularly tweeted photos from her time as principal there, giving indelible glimpses of life at a place now known for tragedy. Just this week, it was an image of fourth-graders rehearsing for their winter concert; days before that, the tiny hands of kindergartners exchanging play money at their makeshift grocery store.

She viewed her school as a model, telling The Newtown Bee in 2010 that "I don't think you could find a more positive place to bring students to every

day." She had worked to make Sandy Hook a place of safety, too, and in October, the 47-yearold Hochsprung shared a picture of the school's evacuation drill with the message "safety first." When the unthinkable came, she was ready to defend.

Officials said she died while lunging at the gunman in an attempt to overtake him.

"She had an extremely likable style about her," said Gerald Stomski, first selectman of Woodbury, where Hochsprung lived and had taught. "She was an extremely charismatic principal while she was here."

DYLAN HOCKLEY, 6

The Hockley family moved to Sandy Hook two years ago from England, in love with the sense of community and the elementary school that their boys, Dylan and Jake, would attend. Dylan's mother, Nicole, is American, and his father, Ian, is British.

They moved into a house on the same street as the mother of the shooter.

In a statement, the family said their youngest boy had thrived at Sandy Hook.

"We do not and shall never regret this choice." the Hockleys said. "Our boys have flourished here, and our family's happiness has been limitless."

Dylan had a beaming smile. He played tag every morning at the bus stop with neighbors, bounced on the trampoline and played computer games.

He loved purple, chocolate and seeing the moon. He was learning to read and was proud to show off his new skills to his parents. Jake was his best friend and role model.

"We love you Mister D," the Hockleys wrote in their statement.

Dylan also adored his teacher's aide, Anne Marie Murphy, and would point to her picture on the family fridge every day. They took great comfort, they said, in knowing that when Dylan died, he was wrapped in Murphy's arms. She also died.

MADELEINE HSU, 6

Madeleine Hsu was shy and quiet—but she would light up around dogs.

Karen Dryer, who lived on the same street as the Hsu family, would see Madeleine's mom waiting for her at the bus stop at 3:15 every afternoon. Dryer would wait too, for her son Logan, who is in kindergarten. Dryer usually brought the family's golden retriever with her.

"She would come off the bus and her face would light up when she saw the dog," Dryer said.

Her mom would give her a big squeeze, and Madeleine would hug her little sister. "She was just an absolute doll," Dryer said. "She seemed very shy, but she was just so sweet."

Dr. Matthew Velsmid was at Madeleine's house Saturday, tending to her stricken family. He said the family did not want to comment.

Velsmid said that after hearing of the shooting, he went to the triage area to provide medical assistance but there were no injuries to treat.

"We were waiting for casualties to come out, and there was nothing. There was no need, unfortunately," he said. "This is the darkest thing I've ever walked into, by far."

Velsmid's daughter, who attends another school, lost three of her friends.

CATHERINE HUBBARD, 6

Catherine's parents released a statement expressing gratitude to emergency responders and for the support of the community.

"We are greatly saddened by the loss of our beautiful daughter, Catherine Violet and our thoughts and prayers are with the other families who have been affected by this tragedy," Jennifer and Matthew Hubbard said. "We ask that you continue to pray for us and the other families who have experienced loss in this tragedy."

CHASE KOWALSKI, 7

Chase Kowalski was always outside, playing in the backyard,

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riding his bicycle. Just last week, he was visiting neighbor Kevin Grimes, telling him about completing—and winning—his first mini-triathlon.

"You couldn't think of a better child," Grimes said.

Grimes' own five children all attended Sandy Hook, too. Cars lined up outside the Kowalskis' ranch home Saturday, and a state trooper's car idled in the driveway. Grimes spoke of the boy only in the present tense.

NANCY LANZA, 52, gunman's mother

She once was known simply for the game nights she hosted and the holiday decorations she put up at her house. Now Nancy Lanza is known as her son's first victim.

Authorities say her 20-yearold son Adam gunned her down before killing 26 others at Sandy Hook. The two shared a home in a well-to-do Newtown neighborhood, but details were slow to emerge of who she was and what might have led her son to carry out such horror.

Kingston, N.H., Police Chief Donald Briggs Jr. said Nancy Lanza once lived in the community and was a kind, considerate and loving person. The former stockbroker at John Hancock in Boston was well-respected, Briggs said.

Court records show Lanza and her ex-husband, Peter Lanza, filed for divorce in 2008. He lives in Stamford and is a tax director at General Electric. A neighbor, Rhonda Cullens, said she knew Nancy Lanza from get-togethers she had hosted to play Bunco, a dice game. She said her neighbor had enjoyed gardening.

"She was a very nice lady," Cullens said. "She was just like all the rest of us in the neighborhood, just a regular person."

JESSE LEWIS, 6

Six-year-old Jesse Lewis had hot chocolate with his favorite breakfast sandwich—sausage, egg and cheese—at the neighborhood deli before going to school Friday morning.

Jesse and his parents were regulars at the Misty Vale Deli in Sandy Hook, Conn., owner Angel Salazar told The Wall Street Journal.

"He was always friendly; he always liked to talk," Salazar said.

Jesse's family has a collection of animals he enjoyed playing with, and he was learning to ride horseback.

Family friend Barbara Mc-Sperrin told the Journal that Jesse was "a typical 6-year-old little boy, full of life."

ANA MARQUEZ-GREENE, 6

A year ago, 6-year-old Ana Marquez-Greene was reveling in holiday celebrations with her extended family on her first trip to Puerto Rico. This year will be heartbreakingly different.

The girl's grandmother, Elba Marquez, said the family moved to Connecticut just two months ago, drawn from Canada, in part, by Sandy Hook's sterling reputation. The grandmother's brother, Jorge Marquez, is mayor of a Puerto Rican town and said the child's 9-year-old brother also was at the school but escaped safely.

Elba Marquez had just visited the new home over Thanksgiving and is perplexed by what happened. "What happened does not match up with the place where they live," she said.

A video spreading across the Internet shows a confident Ana hitting every note as she sings "Come, Thou Almighty King." She flashes a big grin and waves to the camera when she's done.

Jorge Marquez confirmed the girl's father is saxophonist Jimmy Greene, who wrote on Facebook that he was trying to "work through this nightmare."

"As much as she's needed here and missed by her mother, brother and me, Ana beat us all to paradise," he wrote. "I love you sweetie girl."

JAMES MATTIOLI, 6

James Mattioli especially loved recess and math, and his family described him as a "numbers guy" who came up with insights beyond his years to explain the relationship between numbers. He particularly loved the concept of googolplex, which a friend taught him.

He was born four weeks before his due date, and his family often joked that he came into the world early because he was hungry.

They wrote in his obituary that 6-year-old James, fondly called 'J,' loved hamburgers with ketchup, his Dad's omelets with bacon, and his Mom's French toast. He often asked to stop at Subway and wanted to know how old he needed to be to order a footlong sandwich.

He loved sports and wore shorts and T-shirts no matter the weather. He was a loud and enthusiastic singer and once asked, "How old do I have to be to sing on a stage?"

His family recalled that he was an early-riser who was always ready to get up and go. He and his older sister were the best of friend. He was a thoughtful and considerate child, recently choosing to forgo a gift for himself and use the money to buy his grandfather a mug for Christmas.

His funeral is Tuesday.

GRACE AUDREY McDONNELL, 7

With broken hearts, the parents of Grace Audrey McDonnell said Sunday they couldn't believe the outpouring of support they've received since the little girl who was the center of their lives died in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

Lynn and Chris McDonnell called their 7-year-old daughter "the love and light" of their family in a statement released

by the little girl's uncle.

The family also shared a photo featuring Grace smiling into the camera, her eyes shining and a pink bow adorning her long blonde hair.

"Words cannot adequately express our sense of loss," the McDonnells said.

ANNE MARIE MURPHY, 52, teacher

A happy soul. A good mother, wife and daughter. Artistic, funloving, witty and hardworking.

Remembering their daughter, Anne Marie Murphy, her parents had no shortage of adjectives to offer Newsday. When news of the shooting broke, Hugh and Alice McGowan waited for word of their daughter as hours ticked by. And then it came.

Authorities told the couple their daughter was a hero who helped shield some of her students from the rain of bullets. As the grim news arrived, the victim's mother reached for her rosary.

"You don't expect your daughter to be murdered," her father told the newspaper. "It happens on TV. It happens elsewhere."

EMILIE PARKER. 6

Quick to cheer up those in need of a smile, Emilie Parker never missed a chance to draw a picture or make a card.

Her father, Robbie Parker, fought back tears as he described the beautiful, blond, always-smiling girl who loved to try new things, except foods.

Parker, one of the first parents to publicly talk about his loss, expressed no animosity for the gunman, even as he struggled to explain the death to his other two children, ages 3 and 4. He's sustained by the fact that the world is better for having had Emilie in it.

"I'm so blessed to be her dad," he said.

JACK PINTO, 6

Jack Pinto was a huge New York Giants fan. Wide receiver Victor Cruz honored Jack on Sunday on his cleats, writing on them the words "Jack Pinto, My Hero" and "R.I.P. Jack Pinto."

"I also spoke to an older brother and he was distraught as well. I told him to stay strong and I was going to do whatever I can to honor him," Cruz said after the Giant's game with the Atlanta Falcons. "He was fighting tears and could barely speak to me"

Cruz said he planned to give the gloves he wore during the game to the boy's family, and spend some time with them.

"There's no words that can describe the type of feeling that you get when a kid idolizes you so much that unfortunately they want to put him in the casket with your jersey on," he said. "I can't even explain it."

Jack's funeral and burial were Monday.

NOAH POZNER, 6

Noah was "smart as a whip,"

gentle but with a rambunctious streak, said his uncle, Alexis Haller of Woodinville, Wash.

He was part of a big family. His twin sister, Arielle, assigned to a different classroom, survived the shooting. He called Arielle his best friend and loved her dearly, along with big sisters Danielle and Sophia and big brother Michael.

"They were always playing together, they loved to do things together," Haller said. When his mother, a nurse, would tell him she loved him, he would answer, "Not as much as I love you, Mom.""

Haller said Noah loved to read and liked to figure out how things worked mechanically. He was already a very good reader. He loved animals, video games and Nintendo's Mario Brothers characters. For his birthday two weeks ago, he got a new Wii.

Noah was looking forward to reading a new "Ninjago" book he'd just bought at a book fair. He was also very excited about going to a birthday party he had been invited to. It was to take place Saturday.

"He was just a really lively, smart kid," Haller said. "He would have become a great man, I think. He would have grown up to be a great dad."

A funeral was held Monday, followed by burial.

CAROLINE PREVIDI, 6

"Silly Caroline" Previdi had an infectious grin and a giving heart.

Karen Dryer, a neighbor, remembered how Caroline would ride the bus with her son, Logan, when he got scared. She'd sit with him, make sure he felt safe, and play peek-a-boo over the seat to distract him.

"My son refers to her as 'Silly Caroline," said Dryer, who is still wrestling with how to talk to her son about the shootings. "She's just a girl that was always smiling, always wanting others to smile."

"Caroline Phoebe Previdi was a blessing from God and brought joy to everyone she touched," her parents, Jeff and Sandy Previdi, said in a statement. "We know that she is looking down on us from Heaven."

Family friend David Sutch, who lives in Brookfield, Mo., described the Previdis as loving and compassionate, always having other children over to the house, willing to befriend anyone.

"I can't imagine a family that deserved this less," he said.

JESSICA REKOS, 6

"Jessica loved everything about horses," her parents, Rich and Krista Rekos said in a statement. "She devoted her free time to watching horse movies, reading horse books, drawing horses, and writing stories about horses."

When she turned 10, they promised, she could have a horse of her own. For Christmas, she asked Santa for new cowgirl boots and hat.

The Rekoses described their daughter as "a creative, beauti-

ful little girl who loved playing with her little brothers, Travis and Shane.

"She spent time writing in her journals, making up stories, and doing 'research' on orca whales—one of her passions after seeing the movie 'Free Willy' last year." Her dream of seeing a real orca was realized in October when she went to SeaWorld.

Jessica, first born in the family, "was our rock," the parents said. "She had an answer for everything, she didn't miss a trick, and she outsmarted us every time." A thoughtful planner, she was "our little CEO."

LAUREN GABRIELLE ROUSSEAU, 30, teacher

Lauren Rousseau had spent years working as a substitute teacher and doing other jobs. So she was thrilled when she finally realized her goal this fall to become a full-time teacher at Sandy Hook.

Her mother, Teresa Rousseau, a copy editor at the *Danbury News-Times*, released a statement Saturday that said state police told them just after midnight that she was among the victims.

"Lauren wanted to be a teacher from before she even went to kindergarten," she said. "We will miss her terribly and will take comfort knowing that she had achieved that dream."

Her mother said she was thrilled to get the job.

"It was the best year of her life," she told the newspaper.

Rousseau has been called gentle, spirited and active. She had planned to see "The Hobbit" with her boyfriend Friday and had baked cupcakes for a party they were to attend afterward. She was born in Danbury, and attended Danbury High, college at the University of Connecticut and graduate school at the University of Bridgeport.

She was a lover of music, dance and theater.

"I'm used to having people die who are older," her mother said, "not the person whose room is up over the kitchen."

MARY SHERLACH, 56, school psychologist

When the shots rang out, Mary Sherlach threw herself into the danger.

Janet Robinson, the superintendent of Newtown Public Schools, said Sherlach and the school's principal ran toward the shooter. They lost their own lives, rushing toward him.

A recent family sai a piano re sitting stil one piece.

Francing

Even as Sherlach neared retirement, her job at Sandy Hook was one she loved. Those who knew her called her a wonderful neighbor, a beautiful person, a dedicated educator.

Sherlach's son-in-law, Eric Schwartz, told the *South Jersey Times* that Sherlach rooted on the Miami Dolphins, enjoyed visiting the Finger Lakes, relished helping children overcome their problems. She had planned to leave work early on Friday, he said, but never had the chance. In a news conference Saturday, he told reporters

the loss was devastating, but that Sherlach was doing what she loved.

"Mary felt like she was doing God's work," he said, "working with the children."

VICTORIA SOTO, 27, teacher

She beams in snapshots. Her enthusiasm and cheer was evident. She was doing, those who knew her say, what she loved.

And now, Victoria Soto is being called a hero.

Though details of the 27-year-old teacher's death remained fuzzy, her name has been invoked again and again as a portrait of selflessness and humanity among unfathomable evil. Those who knew her said they weren't surprised by reports she shielded her first-graders from danger.

"She put those children first. That's all she ever talked about," said a friend, Andrea Crowell. "She wanted to do her best for them, to teach them something new every day."

Photos of Soto show her always with a wide smile, in pictures of her at her college graduation and in mundane daily life. She looks so young, barely an adult herself. Her goal was simply to be a teacher.

"You have a teacher who cared more about her students than herself," said Mayor John Harkins of Stratford, the town Soto hailed from and where more than 300 people gathered for a memorial service Saturday night. "That speaks volumes to her character, and her commitment and dedication."

BENJAMIN WHEELER, 6

Music surrounded Benjamin Wheeler as he grew up in a household where both his mother and father were performers. They left behind stage careers in New York City when they moved to Newtown with Benjamin and his older brother, Nate.

"We knew we wanted a piece of lawn, somewhere quiet, somewhere with good schools," Francine Wheeler told the Newtown Bee in a profile.

Ben was spirited and energetic. He was taking swim lessons, and at soccer practice, he'd often be running across the field long after it was necessary. A recent accomplishment, his family said, was performing at a piano recital this month—and sitting still long enough to play one piece.

Francine, a music educator and singer-songwriter, used to make up songs for Ben when he was a baby. Some eventually found their way onto a CD, she told the local newspaper. Ben's father, David, still writes and performs, according to a profile on the website of the Flagpole Radio Cafe theater.

Before school on Friday, Ben had told his mother he wanted to be an architect - but also a paleontologist.

"That's what Nate is going to be," he told his mom.
"And I want to do everything Nate does."

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Campus Life

A victorious day for Golden Harvest at PGFC

It was a victorious day for Golden Harvest International School participants and coaches when 90 percent of their participants won in every category in the Primary Grade Forensic Competition Contest. The PGFC was held at Mount Carmel School on Nov. 17, 2012.

"So far, this PGFC that our school has participated showed a large turnout of winners. We admire the speaking skills of our students and their confidence. This PGFC not only boosts the quality of life for our children but for parents as well," said GHIS principal Marilyn T. Divino. "It is a huge accomplishment for our students. I thank all the students, parents, and especially the teachers-coaches for displaying professionalism and teamwork.'



Goden Harvest International School's PGFC winners pose in their Halloween costumes.

- 2nd, Choral Speaking, 2nd gr.: Marlon Pineda, Amber Sureta, and Daniel Josh Gonzales
- 3rd, Choral Speaking, 2nd gr.: Christine Caluya, Kyle Caraig, Erin Mae Tam, and Tyana Hix
- 3rd, HI: John Paul Labadan
- 3rd. DUO: Tamia Lei Hix and Kaithlyn Andrei Chavez
- 4th, HI: Mark Jainier Chavez ■ 4th, Impromptu: Erin Mae
- 5th, Duo: Rainier Solis and Sohgo Honda
- 5th, DI: Nicole Erin Mariano

3-5 DIVISION

- 1st, Choral Speaking: Marionne Corpuz, Davean Gonzales, John Isaac San Nicolas, and Vince Philip Salvador
- 2nd, DI: Davean Gonzales,
- 3rd: Duo: Vince Philip Salvador and John Isaac San Nicolas
- 3rd: Choral Speaking, 3rd gr.: Aaron Ignacio, Raesyl Solis, Sebastian Bernardo, Michelle Leon Guerrero, and Shu Qui Wu

K-2 DIVISION

■ 1st, Choral Speaking-K-5: Mia Ysabel Abuan, Kaithlyn Chavez, Tamia Hix, Nicole Erin Mariano, and Breana Patawaran

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- 1st, HI- 2nd gr., Christine
- 1st, CH RF-1st gr., Jesse

More attention on homeless college students as numbers rise

By ALLISON ROSS

PALM BEACH POST

PALM BEACH, Fla.—Over the summer, Nikki Maclaren sat down at her computer and opened a browser.

In the search box, she typed: "how to get through college when poor."

Maclaren, now 18, was homeless her senior year at Palm Beach Central High. But the dark-haired, soft-spoken teen was determined to make a life for herself through edu-

In May, Maclaren graduated with a 4.2 weighted GPA and an acceptance letter to the University of Central Florida.

She's made it work so far, using financial aid and scholarships to pay for part of her tuition; taking out loans for the rest, and joining the Army National Guard to help pay off those loans.

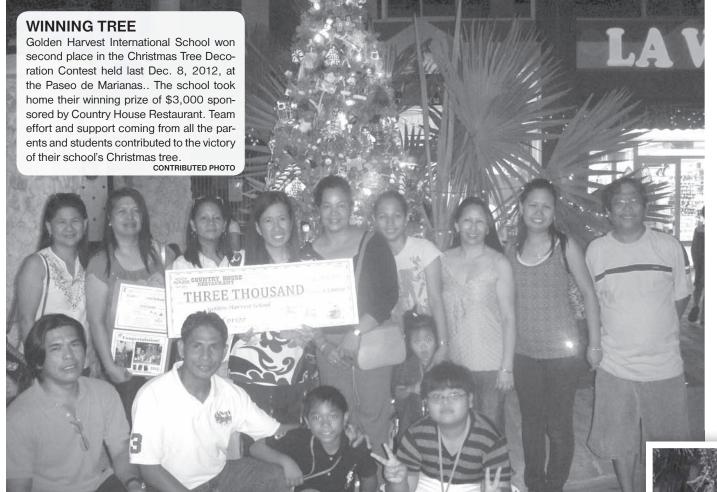
Maclaren's situation isn't unique. Experts say the number of homeless students is a growing-albeit not often discussed—issue at colleges and universities across the country.

"It is a very hidden problem," said Barbara Duffield, policy director for the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth. "There's an assumption that, if you're homeless, how can you think of going to college? But these students know their college degree will help them get out of their situation."

There is no good data and no easy way to track the number of homeless college students.

More than 33,000 students nationwide identified themselves as homeless in the 2010-11 school year, according to a newly expanded section of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

But Duffield and others say those numbers are "just the tip of the iceberg," since many homeless students either don't want to identify themselves or don't know about some of the financial aid resources available to them.





SERVICE LEARNING

Cadets from the Charlie and Delta companies of the Saipan Southern High School Manta Ray Battalion take part in a service learning project at the Saipan Zoo last week. The five-hour activity had students from freshman to senior levels help zoo staff in doing yard maintenance and beautification at the premises of Saipan's lone zoo.

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Life & Style

Barbra Streisand, Seth Rogen bond on 'The Guilt Trip'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Barbra Streisand would really rather relax than star in a movie.

"I like not to be bothered," she said during a recent interview. "I like to look at the ocean and swim in my pool and play with my dog and see my son."

But for the director and writer of "The Guilt Trip," in theaters Wednesday, Streisand was the only choice to play Joyce Brewster, a loving but meddling mom who sees the bonding opportunity of a lifetime when her only son, Andy (Seth Rogen), invites her on a cross-country road trip. Streisand declined the role for a year. Then her real-life son, Jason Gould, joined the chorus of voices urging her to do it, so the legendary 70-yearold entertainer made a few "requests" of producers.

Could they promise weekends off and no call times before 8:30 a.m.? Would they consider renting a warehouse closer to Streisand's Malibu home rather than shooting on a proper sound stage?

"I get a little carsick sometimes so I didn't want to schlep to Paramount, which is an hour and a half to two hours that time of the morning," Streisand said. "So if you rent a warehouse and built the sets—it's ridiculous what I was asking.'

Yet the filmmakers obliged her every demand, and in the end, Streisand and Rogen shared one of the most pleasant, fun and creatively comfortable acting experiences they've ever had. The two approach work

similarly, they said, and they really became like mother and son on set.

"Aw, you were proud of your mommy?" Streisand asked Rogen sweetly, laying her head on his shoulder playfully after he complimented her performance in the film.

Rogen, 30, said Streisand reminds him of his own mother.

"I think there's a whole generation of mothers who kind of model themselves off of Barbra. She's the patient zero of Jewish mothers," he said. "A lot of people see the movie from all races and nationalities and they're like, 'Oh man, she reminds me so much of my mother,' and I think it's because, it's probably because your mother is a fan of hers and acts like her."

Rogen and Streisand also bonded as filmmakers. As multi-hyphenates who work on both sides of the camera, they brought a broad understanding of the moviemaking process and resulting openness to their roles. For example, during one scene where Streisand's character tries to eat a four-pound steak to win a free meal, the actress in her didn't want to do it, but the director in her knew she had to.

"Because, as a filmmaker, I don't care what the actress has to go through," she said.

"Some actors are like that, Rogen said. "Ones who've made movies are like that. You can see that even though they



In this Dec. 11, 2012, photo, Seth Rogen, left, and Barbara Streisand, cast members in the film "The Guilt Trip," pose together for a portrait at The Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

to make them more generic.

come out," Streisand said.

"But then your natural instincts

don't want to be doing that, they know that they have to because it's the best thing for

That director's sense of story and filmmaking also informed their improv scenes. Streisand said ad-libbing comes naturally to her-"not that I've had to use it before in something like 'Prince of Tides."

Though their characters may seem Jewish (like the actors that play them), both said they tried

reminded him. "There are a lot of very famous Jewish entertainers," echoing every Jewish mother ever.

added with a laugh.

then

Streisand

The mutual respect between the two was evident when they discussed upcoming projects. Rogen just finished his co-directorial debut, "The End of the World," which he also wrote and produced.

"How did you find dealing with your Streisand actors?" "Because asked. vour actors were all your friends, right? So you could say anything to them."

Rogen said it made it easier in some wavs and more difficult in others. The actors all play themselves, he said,

and he and Streisand shared a laugh about potential character discussions on set be-"And you go Jewish," Rogen tween actor and director.

"You hired me for me, and this is what I want to do!" Streisand laughed.

When she revealed that she's having trouble finding financing for her next directorial project, Rogen commiserated. "It's tough to get a movie going," he said.

Though Streisand's reputation as a legendary talent and reported diva precedes her, Rogen said he was impressed by the Oscar-winner's approach to her work and demeanor on set.

"If anything, it showed me that I should maintain sanity," he said. "There's no excuse to be crazy. Because Barbra's not crazy. She acts very reasonably and she can get away with a lot of (stuff) that she doesn't pull. I've seen people with much less power than her get away with crazier (things) than she's ever pulled... She could go bonkers and she doesn't do anything."

"I'm like this nice person," Streisand said. "Why do I have this strange reputation?'

"I'm saying you could," Rogen said. "I think people project what they would maybe do if they had as much power as you."

All she did was move "The Guilt Trip" sets a little closer to her house.

Panettiere overcomes stage fright with 'Nashville'

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—While Hayden Panettiere is pretending to be a country music singer on TV, she's learning how to be one in real life.

The 23-year-old actress plays ambitious country star Juliette Barnes on the hit ABC show "Nashville." Her character has dealt with the demands of a record label executive, written songs and tracked vocals in a recording studio.

"The show, I feel like, is an amazing second step for me because I love music and I've always had such terrible stage fright," said Panettiere, who recently earned a Golden Globe nomination for best performance by a television actress in a supporting role.

"This has been kind of the in between because I get to go out there during scenes with a crowd full of people and pretend like I'm performing onstage, and I'm actually performing a live show," she continued. "It's one thing when you put yourself out there (as a solo artist), it's another thing when you're playing a character. ... Beyonce has her alter ego (Sasha Fierce), and people create these alter egos because it seems like a little bit more protection when you put yourself out there for all to see.'

Her con-

fidence as

a singer is

growing,

as is her

credibility.

She sings

all of her



Panettiere

own songs in the show, some of which are featured on the "Nashville" soundtrack, released last week. Big Machine Records put out her song "Telescope" as the show's first official single, and it's a Top 40 hit on the Billboard country songs chart.

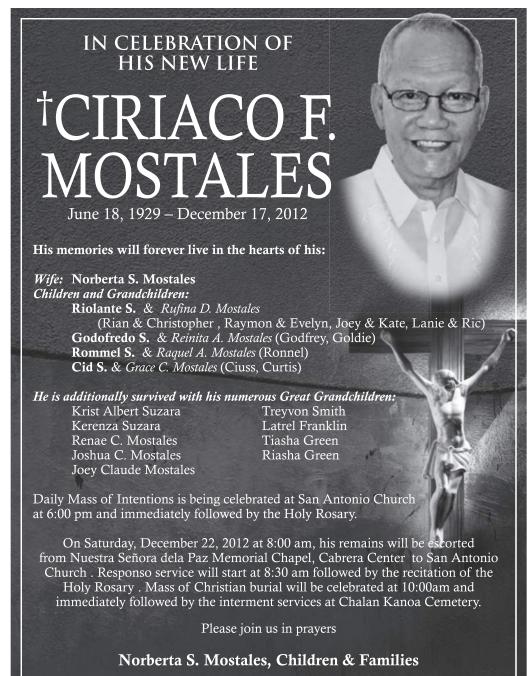
The former "Heroes" actress has dabbled in music before. performing tracks for various Disney films and releasing the pop single "Wake Up Call" in 2008, which failed to chart. A full album was never released.

"Nashville" boasts Grammywinning musician and producer T Bone Burnett as its executive music producer and an accomplished cast, including co-star Connie Britton, who also earned a Golden Globes nomination for best performance by an actress in a television series drama.

"It's so amazing, because we had such high hopes and sometimes you feel like things are too good to be true, and I felt like the show was everything that I dreamt of as an actor and as a musician," Panettiere said just hours after she found out about the nominations.

Panettiere savs hearing her song on the radio for the first time is a moment she'll always remember. She had just hopped into her car on a crisp, fall day with her best friend. She turned the key, and her name popped up on the dashboard.

"I just bugged out," she said. "I couldn't believe it. I was trying to take pictures at the same time. But it's surreal. ... There are no words to describe how special and exciting that moment is. And nerve-wracking, too, very nerve-wracking."



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Amy Winehouse inquest to be heard again

LONDON (AP)—The inquest into the death of soul singer Amy Winehouse was overseen by a coroner who lacked the proper qualifications and must be heard again next month, officials said Monday.

Assistant deputy coroner Suzanne Greenaway, who handled the inquest, resigned in November 2011 after her qualifications were questioned.

Camden Council said a new

hearing has been scheduled on Jan. 8.

"The inquest into the death of Amy Winehouse had not technically been heard," it said in a statement.

Winehouse was found dead in her London home in July 2011 at age 27. In an inquest in October 2011, Greenaway ruled that the "Back to Black" singer had died of accidental alcohol poisoning.

Greenaway had been ap-

pointed an assistant deputy coroner in London in 2009 by her husband, Andrew Reid, the coroner for inner north London. But she resigned after authorities learned she had not been a registered U.K. lawyer for five years as required by the rules.

She had practiced law for a decade in her native Australia.

Reid was suspended, and he resigned earlier this month.

Winehouse family spokes-

man Chris Goodman said Monday that the singer's family had not requested a new hearing.

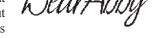
Last year's inquest heard evidence from a pathologist, Winehouse's doctor, the security guard who found her and a detective who described seeing three empty vodka bottles in her bedroom. It appears unlikely that a second inquest would produce a different conclusion about how she died.

Woman deep in love triangle has trouble thinking straight

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I am a 31-year-old, never-married mother of two. Last summer I started having an affair with "Jordan," the father of my first child. He left me when our daughter was a year old and has been engaged for three years in an onagain, off-again relationship.

I could give you excuses about why the affair started up again, but the truth is we both knew it was



wrong and continued to do it anyway. I never stopped loving him and I thought it would bring him back to me.

Today I found out from Jordan's fiancee that they have set their wedding date for next spring. She said they would like for me to come. As if it wouldn't be painful enough to go to the wedding, his fiancee has also asked me to do her hair for the occasion. (I'm a hairstylist.)

Abby, Jordan and I are still having an affair. I want to tell her, but I don't want him to hate me. I believe this wedding is a big mistake for many reasons, not just the obvious. Please give me some outside advice.

CAN'T HELP MYSELF IN OHIO

DEAR CAN'T HELP YOURSELF: OK, the first thing to do is wake up, smell the coffee and accept that resuming the sexual relationship with Jordan has not had the desired effect. He WILL be marrying someone else.

Next, concentrate on saving yourself and waste no more of your time on him—that is, if you would like a permanent, monogamous relationship with someone. Jordan has given you ample proof that he is incapable of being faithful to one woman.

And last, tell his fiancee that you do not plan to attend the wedding or do her hair because you are in love with Jordan and have been sleeping with him since last summer.

DEAR ABBY: I have known my husband for seven years and I love him very much, but I am no longer "in love" with him. Somehow along the way the spark has fizzled.

We have a wonderful family and have been through so much together. I don't want a divorce. I want to make our marriage work, and so does he. So how do I get my spark back?

SPARKLESS IN TEXAS

DEAR SPARKLESS: That you and your husband want your marriage to work means it is capable of being resuscitated. While you didn't give any details, it is possible that you have been "through so much" that it didn't allow you to concentrate on each other. Exhaustion and distraction can cause a spark to fizzle.

A way to reignite it would be to spend more time alone together, participate in activities you both enjoy, and make time on a regular basis to talk, relax and touch each other. And if necessary, enlist the services of a licensed marriage counselor.

DEAR ABBY: My sister relinquished custody of her kids in a divorce 30 years ago. I recently made contact with them to re-establish lost ties. The contact I made with the daughter has been a wonderful success. The other resulted in complete—and understandable—rejection.

Now my sister, who didn't want to open the door, blames me for her heartache because her son rejected her. Was I wrong for bringing at least one of them back into the family?

SISTER IN THE SOUTH

DEAR SISTER: Because you did it over your sister's objections, I think you were. While the daughter seems interested in establishing contact—at least for now—your sister has now "lost" her son TWICE. And if the daughter eventually backs off, your sister will be zero for two.

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Channing Tatum, Jenna Dewan-Tatum expecting baby

NEW YORK (AP)—The Sexiest Man Alive will soon be a sexy dad.

Actor Channing Tatum and his wife Jenna Dewan-Tatum are expecting their first child in 2013, their reps confirm.

The news was first reported by People.com, which named Tatum the Sexiest Man Alive in November.

The couple, who recently costarred in the film "10 Years," met on the 2006 dance film "Step Up," and wed in 2009.

Besides a baby, the new year will be a busy year for the parents-to-be. Tatum has at least four movies in the works while Dewan-Tatum appears on this season of "American Horror Story: Asylum" and has a TV movie called "She Made Them Do It" premiering Dec. 29 on Lifetime.

Cruise returning to Pittsburgh for movie premiere

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Tom Cruise is heading to Pittsburgh for a scaled-down screening of his new action movie, "Jack Reacher," after it was postponed over the weekend because of the deadly school shooting in Connecticut.

Friday's shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, left 20 children and six adults dead at the school, along with the gunman and his mother.

Paramount Pictures then postponed the Saturday U.S. premiere of the movie, which was filmed in Pittsburgh and is set to open Dec. 21.

The studio says Cruise will return to Pittsburgh on Wednesday to screen "Jack Reacher" for fans. It says there won't be a red carpet but Cruise will introduce the film.

The showing will be for previously confirmed guests.



In this Sept. 16, 2012 file photo, Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan-Tatum attend a brunch event for the new film "10 Years" in New York.

Zooey Deschanel, rocker husband finalize divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A judge has finalized actress Zooey Deschanel's divorce from her rocker husband of roughly three years.

Court records show a judge finalized the actress' divorce from Death Cab for Cutie frontman Ben Gibbard on Wednesday in Los Angeles.

Gibbard and Deschanel, who stars in Fox's "New Girl," were married in September 2009. They had no children together.

The actress filed for divorce in December 2011 after the couple separated two months earlier.

The judgment does not provide financial details of the breakup, although it states that the former couple's marriage cannot be repaired by counsel-



In this Jan. 16, 2011 file photo, actress Zooey Deschanel, left, and her husband, singer Ben Gibbard attend the 2011 HBO Golden Globe Party in Beverly Hills, Calif.

ing or mediation.

Deschanel was nominated last

week for a Golden Globe award for her work on "New Girl."

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Hollywood hacker sentenced to 10 years in prison

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A federal judge on Monday sentenced a man who hacked into the personal online accounts of Scarlett Johansson, Mila Kunis and other women to 10 years in prison. U.S. District Judge S. James Otero sentenced Christopher Chaney in Los Angeles after

hearing from a tearful Johansson in a videotaped statement. The biggest spectacle in the case was the revelation that nude photos taken by Johansson herself and meant for her then-husband Ryan Reynolds were placed on the Internet. Chaney, 35, of Jacksonville, Florida, pleaded guilty to counts that included wiretapping and unauthorized access to a computer. Chaney also targeted

two women he knew, sending nude pictures of one former coworker to her father.

HBO, Scorsese making film on Clinton

NEW YORK (AP)—Filmmaker Martin Scorsese is making a documentary on Bill Clinton for HBO. HBO announced Monday that Scorsese is producing and directing the film, with Clinton's

cooperation. The network did not announce an anticipated air date for the show on the nation's 42nd president, who was in office from 1993 to 2001. Earlier this year HBO aired a documentary on Clinton's immediate predecessor, George H.W. Bush. Scorsese has earlier made the documentaries "Public Speaking" and "George Harrison: Living in the Material World" for HBO.

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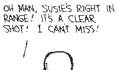
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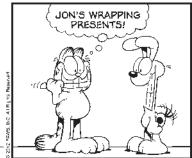












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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Marla Sokoloff, 32; Jake Gyllenhaal, 32; Alyssa Milano, 40; Jennifer Beals, 49.

Happy Birthday: Adaptability will be key if you want to get things done. Listen carefully. Don't allow emotions to sidetrack you or cause you to make poor choices. Offering too much for too little return will be your downfall. Equalizing the playing field will be necessary if you are to maintain balance and integrity while fulfilling your responsibilities. Your numbers are 2, 10, 14, 27, 35, 38, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Slow down-you cannot be everywhere at once. Accidents and minor mishaps will happen if you are pressed for time. Ask for help if you need it and set aside some time for entertainment, love and romance. Make travel plans. ���

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Put a lastminute push on the things you want to take care of before the year comes to a close. Added pressure will make a difference if someone has been falling behind. Someone you deal with will try to take advantage of you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emotional mind games are apparent. Don't give in to someone asking for too much or questioning what you are doing. Focus on what you know you can accomplish and what will bring the highest returns. Trust issues will prevail. ••

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look at the responsibilities you've taken on and you'll find a unique solution that will help you handle whatever you face. Less dependence on others will bring you greater freedom to come and go as you please. Don't feel obliged to pay for others. **OOOOO**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Step out and interact with people you find interesting. Networking or attending an industry event will help you enhance your reputation as well as your confidence. Spending time with people from different backgrounds will be enlightening.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your personal life will be under emotional pressure and you may need to get out of the house in order to avoid turmoil. A good friend will help you get past any dilemma you are facing at home or with a partner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Share your thoughts, but don't show your emotions. Problems with peers can be resolved if you are patient and practical in the way you handle situations as they arise. Take this opportunity to stand out for your leadership and diplomacy. •••

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take on additional jobs and find unusual ways to please the people you love. You'll have an opportunity to invest in something that can bring you greater stability. Develop an idea you have wanted to put into play for some time. **QQQQQ**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be undecided about friends, lovers and where and what you want to do next. Don't rely on your intuition or your emotions to lead you in the right direction. You are best to take a wait-and-see approach before making a move. 🛇 🔾

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stick to the truth and keep it short, sweet and simple. The less involved you get in what other people are doing, the easier it will be to take over. Keep your guard up even if those around you divulge personal information.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get whatever needs to be done out of the way so you can relax. Decorating your home or moving things around to better suit your needs will improve your outlook and give you some nifty ideas you can pursue in the upcoming year. OOO

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't overreact. You have to take one step at a time in order to make progress. A lover or someone you've trusted in the past is likely to disappoint you. Loyalty may be questioned. Don't hide facts. Moderation will be required. •••

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By Dave Green

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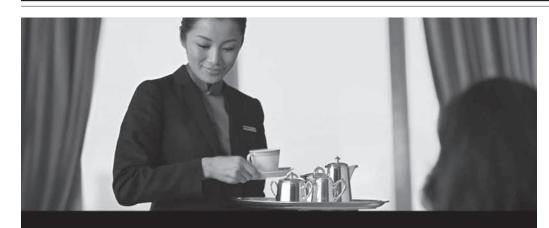
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Boeheim wins 900th game, appeals for action on firearms



Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim acknowledges the crowd as Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, right, watches after Syracuse defeated Detroit 72-68 for Boeheim's 900th career victory in an NCAA college basketball game in Syracuse, N.Y., Monday, Dec. 17, 2012.



MCAA SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP)—With his wife, Juli, looking

on at the postgame press conference and his young children close by, Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim's final remarks were not about his milestone 900th career victory.

Instead, he was thinking about two 6-year-old boys who were buried Monday, victims along with 18 other children and six adults in a shooting massacre last week at an elementary school in Connecticut.

"If we cannot get the people who represent us to do something about firearms, we are a sad, sad society," Boeheim said Monday night. "If one person in this world, the NRA president, anybody, can tell me why we need assault weapons with 30 shots - this is our fault if we don't go out there and do something about this. If we can't get this thing done, I don't know what kind of country we have."

It was a sobering end to what was a memorable evening for Syracuse basketball. The thirdanked Orange's 72-68 victory over Detroit in the Gotham Classic made Boeheim just the third Division I men's coach to reach 900 wins.

Boeheim, 68 and in his 37th year at his alma mater, is 900-304 and joined an elite fraternitv. Mike Krzyzewski (936) and Bob Knight (902) are the only other men's Division I coaches to win that many games.

"To me, it's just a number," said Boeheim, whose first victory was against Harvard in 1976. "If I get 900, have I got to get more? That's why maybe it's just not that important to me because to me it's just a number, and the only number that matters is how this team does."

So far, it's done OK.

James Southerland had 22 points for Syracuse (10-0), which increased its home winning streak to 30 games, longest in the nation. Detroit (6-5), which lost 77-74 at St. John's in the second game of the season and 74-61 at Pitt earlier this month, had its four-game winning streak snapped.

Dave Bing, Boeheim's college roommate, teammate and fellow Hall of Famer, and Roosevelt Bouie, a star on Boeheim's first team in 1976-77, were in the Carrier Dome crowd of 17,902.

Bing was standing tall in the locker room after the game.

"Nobody would have thought when we came here 50 years ago that either one of us would have had the kind of success we've had," said Bing, today the mayor of Detroit. "I'm so pleased and proud of him because he stuck with it. He's proven that he's one of the best coaches ever in college basketball, and he'll be No. 2 shortly."

After a victory that nearly was short-circuited, Boeheim was presented a jersey encased in glass with 900 emblazoned on it.

"I'm happy. I've stayed around long enough. I was a little nervous," Boeheim said at center court. "I'm proud to be here. To win this game is more pressure than I've felt in a long time. I wasn't thinking about losing until the end. That wouldn't have been a good thing to happen, but it very well could have."

Midway through the second half with Syracuse dominating, fans were given placards featuring cardboard cutouts of Boeheim's face with 900 wins printed on the back to wave in celebration. But when the public address announcer in the Carrier Dome invited fans to stick around for the postgame ceremony, the Titans roared back.

Juwan Howard Jr., who finished with 18 points, scored 14 over the last 6 minutes to key a 16-0 run, his two free throws pulling Detroit within 67-63 with 55.1 seconds left after the Titans had trailed by 20 with 6:09 to play.

'You know what, I didn't hear it, but the players probably heard because they sure came alive," Detroit coach Ray McCallum said. "This is a big stage. Guys sitting around the hotel watching television getting ready to play the No. 3 team in the country and they're talking about going for 900 wins, coach Boeheim. That's a lot for a young man to digest."

Michael Carter-Williams hit three of four free throws in the final seconds to secure the win.

"Michael made big-time free throws you've got to make. If he misses a couple, it's a new game. That was the difference," Boeheim said. "We have not been in that situation. Hopefully, we'll learn from that."

Carter-Williams finished with 10 assists and 12 points, his sixth straight double-double.

"It was great to be part of this," Carter-Williams said. "It's a part of history."

Doug Anderson scored 18 points and Nick Minnerath had 13 for Detroit. Ray McCallum Jr., the coach's son and Detroit's leading scorer at 19.4 points per game, finished with nine, while Jason Calliste had seven.

Lin leads Rockets' rout in return to NY

NEWYORK (AP)—Jeremy Lin won again at Madison Square Garden—and for the first time this season, the New York Knicks didn't.

Lin had 22 points and eight assists in his return to

New York, leading the Houston Rockets to a 109-96 victory Monday night that ended the Knicks' 10-game home winning streak to open the season.

Cheered then jeered, and later clobbered, Lin added another masterpiece to the ones he put together last season during the height of Linsanity. No longer the fan favorite he was when wearing the home uniform, Lin got a mixed reception when he left the game with 2:25 remaining and Houston leading by 16.

James Harden had 28 points and 10 rebounds for the Rockets, who blew out the Knicks for the second time this season. They have won the last seven meetings, including a 131-103 rout in Houston on Nov. 23.

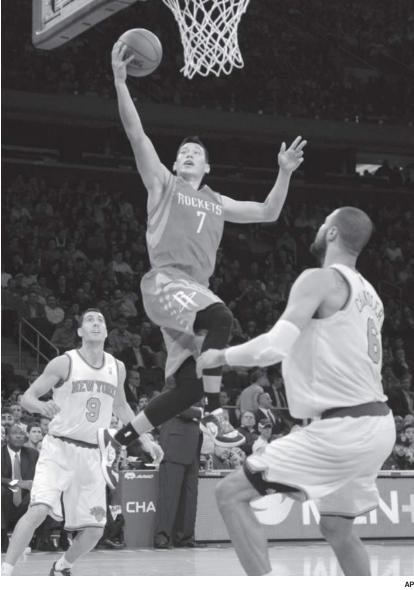
Rookie Chris Copeland scored a career-high 29 points for the Knicks, who played without leading scorer Carmelo Anthony and had their four-game winning streak snapped.

Thunder 107, Spurs 93

In Oklhamo City, Serge Ibaka tied his career best with 25 points and grabbed a season-high 17 rebounds, and Oklahoma City beat San Antonio for its 11th straight win.

The Thunder took control with a string of 11 straight points during the third quarter, punctuated by Nick Collison's putback that made it 71-56 with 4:27 remaining in the period.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich kept his



Houston Rockets' Jeremy Lin, center, scores two of his 22 points on New York Knicks' Pablo Prigioni, left, and Tyson Chandler in the third quarter of the NBA basketball game at Madison Square Garden in New York, Monday, Dec. 17, 2012.

starters parked on the bench throughout the fourth quarter, even as San Antonio cut an 18-point lead in half with about 5½ minutes left.

Tony Parker and Nando De Colo had 14 points apiece to lead the Spurs, who could have created a virtual tie for the best record with a win.

Manu Ginobili did not play for the Spurs because he bruised his left quadriceps in Saturday's win at Boston.

Russell Westbrook chipped in 22 points and nine assists, Kevin Martin scored 20 and Kevin Durant had 19 as Oklahoma City maintained sole possession of the best record in the NBA.

It was the teams' first meeting in Oklahoma City since the Thunder overcame a 2-0 deficit in the Western Conference finals by winning the next four games. The Spurs drew a measure of revenge in the season opener by beating Oklahoma City on Parker's jumper as time expired.

Grizzlies 80, Bulls 71

In Memphis, Tennessee, Mike Conley had 17 points, Zach Randolph added 10 points and 15 rebounds, and Memphis overcame a poor start to beat Chicago.

Conley was 6 of 12 from the field and had four assists. Rudy Gay scored 12 points for the Grizzlies but shot 5 of 13, continuing his slump. Wayne Ellington scored all 11 of his points in the second quarter, when the Grizzlies reserves provided a lift after Memphis shot poorly in the first period.

Carlos Boozer led the Bulls with 16 points and 13 rebounds, while Marco Belinelli finished with 13 points.

Both teams shot just better than 37 percent. But Memphis was 6 of 11 from 3-point range compared to the Bulls hitting only 2 of 11 long-range shots.

Clippers 88, Pistons 76

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Jamal Crawford scored 15 points and Chris Paul added 14 to lead Los Angeles past Detroit for its 10th straight win.

Blake Griffin had 15 points for the Clip-

pers, who had five players in double figures. Griffin had two breakaway dunks in the last 30 seconds, one on a pass banked off the backboard by Crawford.

Brandon Knight led the Pistons with 16 points and Tayshaun Prince added 15. Detroit has lost five straight.

Magic 102, Timberwolves 93

In Orlando, Florida, Glen Davis scored 28 points and J.J. Redick had 18 points and seven assists as Orlando beat Minnesota.

The Magic won their third straight and stopped the Timberwolves' fourgame winning streak. Nikola Vucevic had 14 points and 11 rebounds for his third consecutive double-double, and Arron Afflalo scored 13 points.

Kevin Love led Minnesota with 23 points and 15 rebounds. Nikola Pekovic had 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who led by 15 in the middle of the third quarter but couldn't hang on.

Suns 101, Kings 90

In Phoenix, Shannon Brown scored 14 of his 22 points in the third quarter, Jared Dudley added 20 points and the Phoenix Suns pulled off another big rally to beat the Sacramento Kings 101-90 Monday night.

The Suns were out of sorts throughout the first half, scoring 43 points while trailing by up to 19. Brown helped them outscore Sacramento 31-14 in the third quarter and Dudley provided the cushion down the stretch to give Phoenix its first three-game winning streak of the season.

Marcin Gortat had 14 points and 13 rebounds, and Luis Scola gave the Suns his usual hustle while scoring 14 points and dishing out a career-high 10 assists.

The Kings played well early, but faded down the stretch to lose their fourth straight game. Jimmer Fredette had 22 points and Aaron Brooks added 12 for Sacramento.

Titans end Jets' playoff hopes with 14-10 win



NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The New York Jets' playoff hopes are gone, lost in a wave of turnovers by struggling Mark Sanchez.

Chris Johnson went 94 yards for the longest touchdown run in the NFL since 2006, and the Tennessee Titans beat the Jets 14-10 on Monday night to eliminate New York from postseason contention.

"Obviously, it's a devastating loss, out of the playoffs, and it hurts beyond belief," Jets coach Rex Ryan said. "I think the thing that really hurts the most is we've got no one to blame but ourselves."

Jake Locker's first touchdown run of the season put Tennessee ahead to stay late in the third quarter, and the Titans intercepted four passes by Sanchez to snap a three-game skid.

"The bottom line is we hung in there, something we haven't been able to do the last two, three weeks of hold onto a lead or find a way to win in the fourth quarter, and this time we did," Titans coach Mike Munchak said. "It's good to win again. It's been a while."

After bumbling around all night, the Jets somehow still had a chance to win when they took over at the Tennessee 25 with 47 seconds left following a 19-yard punt by Brett Kern. But Sanchez fumbled a low shotgun snap, running back Bilal Powell in-

advertently kicked the ball away and the Titans recovered to seal it.

"I saw him bobbling the snap," Titans rookie linebacker Zach Brown said. "Then it just came out, and I just fell on it. I was thinking sack because it was play-action. I was thinking I'm going to get me a sack, but he fumbled the snap."

It was a fitting end to an ugly game that left Ryan cursing to himself as he walked off the field. Sanchez finished with five turnovers—one on each of his team's final three possessions. He has 24 this season and 50 total in the past two seasons combined.

"It doesn't feel good hurting your team like that," Sanchez said. "It's not a winning formula. It never feels good."

Ryan wasn't ready to say who his quarterback will be Sunday when the Jets host San Diego.

"I've just got to prepare as the starter and see what happens," Sanchez said.

Ryan also refused to say if he regretted not activating Greg McElroy, who came on in relief when Sanchez was benched Dec. 2 and led the Jets to a 7-6 win over Arizona. McElroy was inactive, with the Jets keeping six receivers on a banged-up unit.

"I just regret not winning this game," Ryan said. "I think that's the big thing."

The Jets (6-8) needed to win their final three games and get help elsewhere to earn a playoff spot. Instead,

the Titans sacked Sanchez three times and got a fourth on Tim Tebow. Jason McCourty and Michael Griffin each had two interceptions, keeping the Jets out of the playoffs for a second straight season after reaching consecutive AFC title games.

Johnson, with the names of the victims of Friday's shootings in Connecticut written on his cleats, ran a franchise-record 94 yards for a TD in the second quarter. Johnson said he followed a block by center Kyle DeVan, the Titans' latest player at the position after replacement Kevin Matthews sprained his right ankle.

"Kind of heartbroken, so just something to try to give back and show tribute to those families knowing how much they hurt and a situation where on Monday Night Football everybody around the world is watching," Johnson said, explaining why he wrote the victims' names on his cleats.

Locker's 13-yard quarterback keeper around left end put the Titans (5-9) ahead 14-10 with 20 seconds left in the third.

The Jets had plenty of time and opportunity in the fourth to take the lead, but Sanchez kept giving the ball away.

Griffin intercepted Sanchez with 7:09 left on a pass intended for Braylon Edwards. On the next drive, the Jets got help from a personal foul when Titans linebacker Will Witherspoon hit Sanchez in the head with his helmet on third-and-4. A couple

of plays later, Sanchez threw into triple coverage for Jeff Cumberland, and Griffin picked off Sanchez again with 1:51 left at the Titans 2.

Even with the ugly night, the Jets' defense gave New York one final chance after forcing Tennessee to punt.

Kern had a 19-yarder under pressure, giving New York the ball at the Tennessee 25. But Sanchez mishandled a low snap from center Nick Mangold, and Brown recovered to finally clinch Tennessee's win.

Sanchez was 13 of 28 for 131 yards and a touchdown. He finished with his most interceptions in a game since 2009.

The Jets even turned to Tebow for a complete series in the second quarter. They picked up two first downs and reached their own 44, but the drive stalled from there after a sack, a delay-of-game penalty and an incompletion.

Sanchez returned on the Jets' next series and promptly threw his first interception to McCourty.

The Jets kept Tennessee from scoring a single point off all the turnovers. But the damage already was done.

Sanchez put the Jets ahead 10-7 with a 17-yard TD pass to Cumberland with 3:19 left in the third quarter.

The Titans led 7-3 at halftime after Johnson's long scamper in the second quarter. His touchdown run was the longest by any NFL player since Minnesota's Chester Taylor had a 95-yard TD in a 31-13 victory over the Seattle Seahawks on Oct. 22, 2006.

After Robert Malone's 53-yard punt backed the Titans up to their own 5-yard line, Johnson rushed for 1 yard on first down. On the next play, he found a seam up the middle and appeared untouched on his way to the end zone.

It marked Johnson's sixth career touchdown run of at least 80 yards, giving him twice as many as anyone else in NFL history. Barry Sanders, Ahman Green, Hugh McElhenny and O.J. Simpson each had three touchdown runs of at least 80 yards.

Johnson was otherwise held in check, finishing with 122 yards on 21 carries for his 32nd career 100-yard game.

The Jets grabbed a 3-0 lead when Nick Folk's 22-yard field goal capped their first possession of the night. New York appeared to reach the end zone when Cumberland caught a 4-yard pass from Sanchez on third-and-goal, but the original ruling of a touchdown was overturned after replays showed the ball hit the ground.

Before the game, a moment of silence was held for victims of the shootings Friday in Newtown, Conn. Twenty children and six adults were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School. The gunman also killed his mother in her home before committing suicide.

Johnson had the names of all the victims written on the two shoes he wore for the game. He also had the words "RIP SHES" and a cross written on each shoe. The Jets had an "SHES" decal on their helmets.

Mets trade Cy Young winner Dickey to Blue Jays

(AP)—Eager for a new challenge and certainly a better chance to win, R.A. Dickey broke the news of his trade even before the Toronto Blue Jays and New York Mets.

A few minutes ahead of the teams announcing the sevenplayer swap Monday that sent the NL Cy Young Award winner to Toronto, he tweeted his thanks to Mets fans and added he was all set to pitch for the Blue Jays.

"Now that its official, I want to say that I don't have the words to express how grateful I am to you for the steadfast support," Dickey posted on Twitter. "Thank you for making me feel wanted."

"Looking forward to a new chapter with the Jays," he wrote.

Toronto acquired the 38-yearold knuckleballer and catchers Josh Thole and Mike Nickeas. The Mets got top catching prospect Travis d'Arnaud and veteran catcher John Buck, plus minor league right-hander Noah Syndergaard and outfielder Wuilmer Becerra.

"It was an extraordinary privilege for us to be part of his career," Mets general manager Sandy Alderson said about Dickey on a conference call. "The final chapter has not been written."

Earlier in the day, Dickey and the busy Blue Jays agreed to a new contract, clearing the way for the Mets to send him to a team that's spending a lot of money trying to join baseball's elite. Toronto has now acquired All-Stars Jose Reyes, Josh Johnson, Mark Buehrle, Melky Cabrera and Dickey since the season ended.

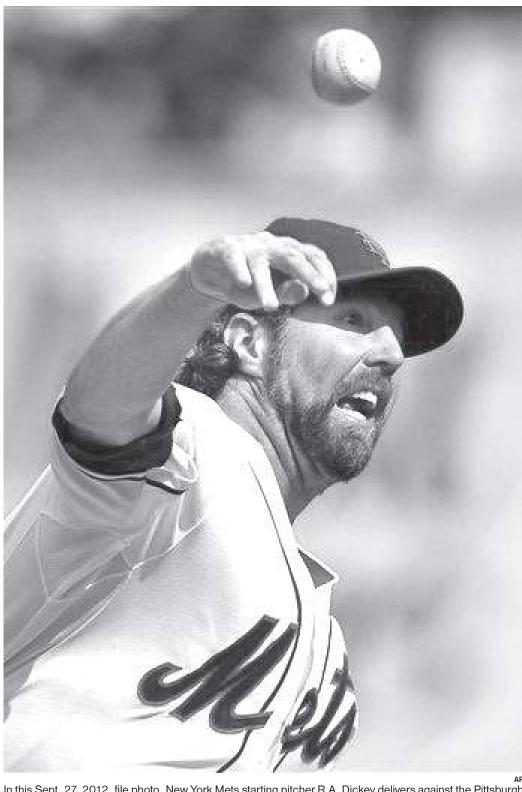
Dickey was already signed for \$5.25 million next year. His new contract adds two more seasons for \$25 million—he will get \$12 million in both 2014 and 2015, plus there's a club option for 2016 at \$12 million with a \$1 million buyout.

"We're just so close to contention," Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos said. "It's not just about one season. This allows us to put what we feel is a contending team together for an extended run, for a three-to-five-year period."

Dickey needed to pass a physical before the teams announced the deal. He became the fourth pitcher to win the Cy Young and be traded before the next season, joining David Cone, Pedro Martinez and Roger Clemens.

Alderson said the Mets' preference going into the offseason was to re-sign Dickey. But as the winter meetings approached in early December, Alderson said Dickey's value "in a possible trade was also sky-rocketing. At some point, those lines crossed."

Several teams made runs at a deal for Dickey, with Texas and the Los Angeles Angels among those in the mix. Alderson said



In this Sept. 27, 2012, file photo, New York Mets starting pitcher R.A. Dickey delivers against the Pittsburgh Pirates during the first inning of a baseball game at Citi Field in New York.

while some clubs popped in and out of trade talks, Toronto's interest remained steady.

Alderson said the Mets didn't completely decide to trade Dickey until they saw the final package that Toronto offered.

"This was a complicated deal," Alderson said.

The Blue Jays have missed the playoffs since winning their second straight World Series crown in 1993, and have boldly moved to reshape a team that went 73-89 last season in the rugged AL East.

Last month, they acquired a high-priced trio-Johnson and Buehrle on the mound, Reyes at shortstop—in a 12-player trade with the Miami Marlins.

Toronto later signed Cabrera. an All-Star outfielder with San Francisco whose season ended when he was suspended 50 games for a positive testoster-

Dickey was 20-6 with a 2.73 ERA last season, capping his rapid rise from the majors' scrap heap to an ace pitcher. He did it by perfecting a way to throw his floater faster than previous knuckleballers, and tossing it with exceptional control.

The 28-year-old Sanchez helped Detroit reach the World Series this year. He had a 1.77 ERA in 20 1-3 innings over three postseason starts, but was 1-2 because the Tigers were shut out in each of his losses.

"We almost get the ring," he said. "Now, I know we got a pretty good team."

Detroit has been good enough to get into the playoffs the last two years. The Tigers hope to improve enough to take the next step and win their first World Series since 1984 thanks to a couple major moves and a standout player's comeback.

They attempted to fill a void in the field and the lineup, just in front of sluggers Miguel Cabrera and Prince Fielder, by signing outfielder Torii Hunter to a \$26 million, two-year contract. They are expecting designated hitter Victor Martinez to be healthy at spring training in a couple months after missing all of last season with a knee injury.

And, Detroit kept its fourman rotation together by signing Sanchez.

Dickey becomes part of a the kids that we did trade, it stellar Toronto rotation that includes Johnson, Buehrle and returning starters Ricky Romero and Brandon Morrow.

"We clearly are convinced this can be a front-line starter for us," Anthopoulos said. "I don't think he gets the credit or the respect he deserves because of his age, and because of what he does throw. And I understand because it's so rare.

"But there's so much overwhelming data and evidence that points to him continuing to have this success.'

Thole gives the Blue Jays a catcher who is familiar with handling Dickey's knuckleball, and Anthopoulos said that relationship was a key to the deal.

"R.A. is too important to our chances to take a chance and have a tryout camp to see if someone can catch him," he

Thole joins a lineup that features former home run champ Jose Bautista and Edwin Encarnacion, who hit 42 homers last season.

Despite a big spot in the rotation to fill minus Dickey, Alderson said the Mets were not giving up on next season.

'We certainly are not punting on 2013," he said.

D'Arnaud turns 24 in February. He hit .333 at Triple-A Las Vegas with 16 homers and 52 RBIs before tearing a knee ligament trying to break up a double play in June. He has been an All-Star at several levels during his climb through the minors.

Alderson called d'Arnaud the top catching prospect in the minors and predicted he could contribute on the major league level next year.

"As painful as it was to trade New York.

might be three or four years down the road before they become All-Star status, or whatever is going to happen to them," Anthopoulos said. "At that time Reyes could be gone, Buehrle could be gone, Bautista could be gone, Encarnacion could be gone. We have no idea what our core will look like."

Popular with Mets fans, Dickey perturbed team management when he spoke about his contract situation last week during a club event at Citi Field for children displaced from their schools by Superstorm Sandy.

Dickey said he enjoyed playing for the Mets and added it would be "disappointing" if he went through his option year without a new deal and became a free agent.

"If that's the decision that they make, I feel like it would be unfortunate because it probably is going to mean that I'm not going to be back," Dickey said then. "And that would be sad."

Buck was an All-Star with Toronto in 2010. The 32-yearold hit .192 with 12 home runs and 41 RBIs for Miami last season, then was part of the big trade between Marlins and Blue Jays.

The 20-year-old Syndergaard went 8-5 with a 2.60 ERA for Class A Lansing. The 18-yearold Becerra hit .250 with four RBIs in 11 games in the rookie Gulf Coast League.

Thole hit .234 with one homer and 21 RBIs in 104 games last season. The 26-year-old played four seasons with the Mets.

Nickeas split last season with the Mets and Triple-A Buffalo. The 29-year-old hit .174 with one homer and 13 RBIs for

Tigers invest \$80 million in RHP Anibal Sanchez

DETROIT (AP)—Anibal Sanchez hadn't gone anywhere, really, and yet here he was getting a big "welcome back" from Detroit Tigers president and general manager Dave Dombrowski.

"It's nice to have you back in that jersey again," Dombrowski said Monday to his right-hander. It wasn't cheap.

Detroit's deal with Sanchez is worth \$80 million over five years, a person familiar with it told The Associated Press last week on condition of anonymity because terms weren't announced. The team said it has an option for a sixth season.

That's the price of doing business in the free agent market for pitchers.

The Los Angeles Dodgers recently gave Zack Greinke a \$147 million, six-year deal the biggest for a right-hander in baseball history'and Detroit is satisfied with what it had to spend on Sanchez, perhaps the second-best pitcher on the market.

"He's in the prime of his career," Dombrowski said.

As much as the Tigers are and 8-9 the previous year folpaying him, Sanchez had at least one team - other than the Chicago Cubs, the runner-up to signing him - offer him more at the winter meetings than he eventually got to stay in the Motor City.

> "At the end, what do you do with a lot of money if it's not where you want to be?" Sanchez asked.

> Detroit acquired Sanchez in July from Miami along with second baseman Omar Infante for right-hander Jacob Turner and two minor leaguers. After a slow start with the Tigers, he pitched well in key games to help them win division titles in consecutive years for the first time since the 1935 and 1934 seasons with a 2.15 ERA over his last eight starts.

> "Once he settled in and got a chance to get settled, he was one of the best pitchers in the league," Dombrowski said.

> Sanchez is 48-51 with a 3.75 ERA since making his major league debut with the Marlins in 2006. He was 9-13 last year

lowing a career-best, 13-win season in 2010.

While those numbers aren't impressive, the digits on his contract are because he's on the right side of supply-anddemand economics in baseball.

The Tigers didn't really want to offer Sanchez as long of a contract as he signed, but had to do so in order to keep him around.

"Pitching is a risky business," Dombrowski said. "It's unfortunate, but that's just the way it is."

What's also a reality is righty Rick Porcello might get traded any day because he could be deemed expendable with lefty Drew Smyly seemingly situated well to be the team's fifth starter.

Dombrowski said he's in trade talks with "numerous" clubs because they know the Tigers have six starters and are willing to deal one of them for the right price, perhaps a righthanded hitter to platoon with left-handed hitting outfielder Andy Dirks.

Donaire redeems PH pride, KOs Mexican Arce



HOUSTON, T e x a s — N o nito Donaire Jr. knocked Jorge

Arce out cold with a patented left hook in the third round on Saturday night (Sunday in Manila) to keep his World Boxing Organization super bantamweight crown and lift the sagging spirits of Filipinos back home, as well as here and beyond.

Flashing tremendous power, the "Filipino Flash" downed

son. Only the Top 2 finishers in

Heras' group will earn quarterfi-

In Group B, which has seven

players, Lee made short work

Arce earlier with a right, followed by a left uppercut, but the proud Mexican chose to fight it out rather than back down.

As Arce waded in, Donaire exploded his left hook on the Mexican's chin with one second to go in the round, sending him to the ropes and then flat on his back, motionless for about a minute.

"I pretty much timed Arce," Donaire said. "I knew he would open up. He hurt me a little. My left hand is not completely healed. I needed to figure out the distance to get him to open up."

Donaire, who boosted his re-

of Jemima Mary Parkinson,

6-1, 6-1. Lee, who advanced to

both the girls U12 singles and

doubles finals of a tournament

in Waikato last week, will try

to keep her impressive perfor-

mance in New Zealand today

when she plays two games this

morning. The 11-year-old du-

cord to 31-1 with 20 knockouts, found his range for the first time in the second round when he caught Arce with a combination capped by a short right.

The protagonists, good friends in real life, delivered on their promise that the bout wouldn't go the distance. Arce announced his retirement after the fight.

Weird coincidence

That it was Donaire who finished the fight standing elated Filipinos barely recovered from the shock of seeing Manny Pacquiao knocked

els Imogen Renee Rodgers at

9:30am and then battles Ken-

dra Paea at 11:30am. Lee's

three other pool play matches

will be against No. 4 seed

Tharubphet Homkrun, No. 5

Sophie Rose Michl, and the

Lee and company are in New

unranked Nancy Fatai.

out senseless by Mexican rival Juan Manuel Marquez in the sixth round in Las Vegas on Dec. 8.

In a weird coincidence, both bouts ended with one punch delivered at 2:59—or just a second left—of the round.

"There were a lot of fans who said, 'You have got to get him. This is for the Philippines.' I hope they can be proud of what I did," Donaire said. "My left hook was a damaging hook tonight. I felt very strong in the ring.'

Less than three hours after the end of the fight that lured 7,250

Zealand, competing in junior tournaments as members of the Pacific Oceania Touring Team. They earned slots on the elite squad after their impressive cific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji in August this year.

performance in the 2012 Pa-(Saipan Tribune) performance (205 and 201 in Games 1 and 2 before he slowed

down in the last two games, logging 154 and 178 for an average of 184.50. Completing the Top 10 were

Yong Woon Lee (692), Omechelang (675), Paul Pangelinan (658), Raul Dumapit (651), Ronald Batac (598), and Tony Yarobwemal (588).

Meanwhile, results of the Budweiser Queen of the Lanes (Saipan Tribune)

While those such as Patterson, who were actually willing to type out their ugly thoughts in 140 characters or less, make up a very small minority, there was surely a much greater number muttering to themselves about missing their football while Obama spoke, totally oblivious to the suffering in Connecticut.

That's why it's time for all of us to look in the mirror, to not let another tragedy pass without some meaningful change.

someone in the face down at the local bar because they trashtalked your favorite team, try to remember there's more at stake than a game. Instead of posting a vile tweet about a coach's mental capacity because you think he made the wrong call, try to remember there's more at stake than a game. Instead of screaming an obscenity at an 18-yearold kid because he dropped a pass or threw an interception, try to remember there's more at

This is not in any way suggesting we shouldn't strive for triumph as much as we ever did. Celebrate it, too.

Life has always been about the Ws and the Ls.



Nonito Donaire, center, celebrates after beating Jorge Arce in their WBO junior featherweight title boxing match Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012, in Houston.

fans into the home court of the Houston Rockets, Donaire who got his first seven-figure pay—made his sentiment

known on his Facebook page. "To all the Pinoys all over the world, Salamat (Thank you) and

God bless! I hope I lifted your spirits through these times of trials and wish blessing and happiness this Christmas. Mabuhay Pilipinas (Long live the Philippines)!" With reports from TJ Burgonio and AFP

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monthly plum, as his Sunday's best score of 738 pinfalls was good only for fourth place at the completion of the two-day contest. Manacop also bowled in Day 2, but managed only 507 pinfalls, as he did not play in Game 4. In SBA's monthly roll-offs, bowlers are allowed to compete in two days, but only the higher score is counted.

With Manacop failing to get the December crown, Angeles

hope and wonder and goodness.

America needs to come to grips

with truly important issues: gun

control, mental illness, a violent

Yet, we need sports—perhaps

more than ever—to help us get

started on that path toward being

a better nation, a better people, a

better world. Maybe, just maybe,

in some small way the games we

play can show us how to be a

little nicer to each other, or at least

The athletes can lead the way.

So, instead of ranting at the

Their actions have meaning,

ref for blowing a call, try to re-

member there's more at stake

than a game. Instead of hitting

someone after the whistle or

getting so enraged that injur-

ing the guy in the other uniform

seems a worthy option, try to

remember there's more at stake

than a game. Instead of standing

triumphantly over a vanquished

foe, trumpeting themselves at

the expense of someone else,

try to remember there's more at

culture among them.

more respectful.

now more than ever.

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Other monthly winners were Robert Talavera (January and September), Raphael Zapanta (February and May), Percy Omechelang (March), Raymond Zapanta (April), and Raul Dumapit (July). All the monthly winners and other qualifiers will battle for the season championship next month.

Angeles ruled the last monthly tournament for 2013 after his solid performances in the first three games. He had 207 pinfalls in Game 1, the second best

earned the distinction of having in the field behind Raymond Zapanta's 240, and then posted the most wins for the season. Games 2 and 3's best scores (222 and 218) before tallying 166 in Game 4 for an average of 203.25 pinfalls. Raymond Zapanta faded

in the last three games after a strong start, as he drilled 179, 188, and 168 for an average of 193.75 pinfalls. His brother Ruselle also had only one 200plus game (206 in Game 3) and recorded 176, 195, and 174 in the three other games to average 187.75. Manacop's Day 1 best score featured two 200-plus

and Fiji Water Prince of the Lanes will be reported in Saipan Tribune's Thursday edition.

the team, even as a blocking dummy in practice.

So, instead of punching stake than a game.

But we can play nice, or at least nicer.

That would be the best way for sports to remember Newtown.

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courtesy of Tyler Wilsey's goal in the 26th and even took a 2-1 halftime lead when youth player Zhi Peng Lin added one more goal right into the last minute of the first half.

Another penalty kick from Loken in the first few minutes of the second half forced the second standoff and the Inter Godfather's striker made it three in a row and put his team in the lead in the 57th minute. Loken should had been a marked man after drilling three goals, but Paire failed to neutralize him, as the Garapan Elementary School teacher scored anew in the 66th minute.

Down at 2-4, Inter Godfather's threatened a comeback when Jireh Yobech found the back of the net in the 80th minute. However, Inter Godfather's stood its ground on defense in the final 10 minutes of play to foil Paire's finals bid.

In the second semis tiff, KFAS shut out Wild Bill's for

the majority of the match before letting its guard down in the final two minutes of the game to secure the second finals berth.

On offense, Jun Woo Lee scored in the 26th minute for KFAS' 1-0 halftime advantage and Chong Koo Gil made it a 2-0 lead in the second half with his goal in the 49th. Wild Bill's then broke its silence in the 88th minute off James McAllister's goal.

The loss was another heartbreaker for Wild Bill's, which fell one point short of ruling the fall season of the M-League, placing only second to Tan Holdings FC in Division 1. KFAS also felt disappointed in the debut season of the M-League, as it finished last in Division 1 and will be relegated to Division 2 next year, so its victory in the Cup would somehow lift up the team's spirit.

Before its semis victory, KFAS slipped past Matansa, 4-1, while Inter Godfather's and Paire dominated Kanoa Resort, 4-1, and Shirley's FC, 4-0, respectively. Wild Bill's drew a bye in the first round. (Saipan Tribune)

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division								
	W	L	Pct	GB				
New York	18	6	.750	_				
Brooklyn	13	10	.565	4 1/2				
Boston	12	11	.522	5 1/2				
Philadelphia	12	12	.500	6				
Toronto	6	19	.240	12 1/2				

Southeast Division

Miami	15	6	.714	_
Atlanta	14	7	.667	1
Orlando	11	13	.458	5 1/2
Charlotte	7	16	.304	9
Washington	3	18	.143	12

Central Division

Chicago	13	10	.565	_
Milwaukee	12	10	.545	1/2
Indiana	13	11	.542	1/2
Detroit	7	20	.259	8
Clavaland	5	20	200	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE Southwest Division

19 7 .731 — 16 6 .727 1 Memphis 12 12 .500 6 11 13 .458 7 New Orleans 5 18 .217 12 1/2

Northwest Division

Oklahoma City	20	4	.833	_
Minnesota	12	10	.545	7
Denver	13	12	.520	7 1/2
Jtah	13	12	.520	7 1/2
Portland	11	12	.478	8 1/2

Pacific Division

L.A. Clippers	18	6	.750	_
Golden State	16	8	.667	2
L.A. Lakers	11	14	.440	7 1/2
Phoenix	10	15	.400	8 1/2
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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

stake than a game. So many are watching.

Given the huge importance we place on what happens in our stadiums and arenas, sports are again positioned, just as they were after 9/11 and other

cover some meaningful purpose to an utterly senseless tragedy.

Let's not waste it this time.

the strength for our next breath.

in one of Cruz's No. 80 jerseys.

There's no doubting the power of sports to lift people up, to inspire us to greater heights, to bring us together as one. There's no doubting the power of sports to console the grieving, to comfort the ailing, to make it easier to move on when we can barely find

national horrors, to help us un-

"Sports is one of the most effective consolations for people dealing with grief," said Ron Marasco, a professor at Loyola Marymount University who has written a book on dealing with loss. "In the early stages of grief, isolation and loneliness are the biggest problems. That shared communal experience of sports is actually a very healthy thing.'

Just look at what Cruz, a receiver for the New York Giants, did during Sunday's game in Atlanta against the Falcons. He was the favorite player of Jack Pinto, one of those whose life ended on what should've been just another day at school, such a hero to the child that his family planned to bury him Monday

"R.I.P. Jack Pinto," Cruz wrote on his playing shoes, along with "Jack Pinto, my hero" and "This one is for you." It didn't really matter that the Giants played one of their worst games of the season, losing 34-0.

Such is the power of sports. "With a family facing that

much tragedy, you want to be someone that inspires them, someone that can put a smile on their face at a time where it's tough to do that," Cruz said after a loss on the field but a win in life.

That said, sports must do

Let's have a serious discussion about all that is wrong with the games we play. The misplaced priorities. The sense of life and death when nothing could be further from the truth. And, especially, the nastiness and hatred it stirs from deep within our souls.

Not long after Cruz played with a heavy heart, we got a sampling of that other side on Twitter.

Some used social media to dole out racist vitriol against Obama while demonstrating how utterly meaningless their own lives must be, since they apparently thought the first quarter of the San Francisco-New England game was more important than a president's stirring words in Newtown.

One of the tweets was reportedly sent by Bradley Patterson, a walk-on long snapper who joined North Alabama's NCAA Division II football team during the season, though he never actually played. Now, he won't get the chance; the school said he was no longer welcome on

Project CLAP Basketball Tourney

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A Lil' Thieves player sneaks in a shot past two Rollers defenders in the U10 finals of the Project CLAP Basketball Tournament held last Dec. 8 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



A Lil Thieves player takes an open jump shot in the U10 finals versus the Rollers.



The Lil Thieves pose for a team photo.



The U18 Central Ballers gather for a team photo.



The U15 Central Ballers pose for a group photo.



U15 Proa's Tyler Palacios draws a foul under the basket against Central Ballers' Aiferson Atan.



U18 Rollers' Emerson Feria cashes in on a fastbreak against Hi-5.



U18 Rollers' Dixon Kwon has nowhere to go in the post against Hi-5's



Hi-5's Jethro Cruz beats his man to the hoop in the U18 finals against the Rollers



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CNMI jr. players win opener in Auckland



hree CNMI junior players competed in their second tournament in New Zealand and survived the opening games in the 2012 Tennis Auckland Xmas Junior Tournament.

Luther Lizama went 2-0 in Day 1 of the tournament being played at the Manukau Tennis Centre in Auckland, while Isabel Heras and Carol Lee prevailed in their respective opening games in the U12 singles yesterday morning.

Lizama was first pitted against Jackson Edward Chambers and swept his foe, 6-1, 6-1, and the former was also rewarded with a

walkover win over James Robert Sim. The lone CNMI male player in New Zealand is in Group F of the 32-player field and will need at least one more win to boost his chances for the Round of 16. Only the Top 2 players in each of the eight pools will make it to the second round.

Next up for Lizama will be seventh-seeded Hikaru Iizuka, who also held a 2-0 mark in Day 1. Lizama and the Iizuka collides today at 1:30pm (4:30pm Saipan time) and then the former will have his last game tomorrow against the No. 11 pick Augusto Filippo La Cava.

In the girls U12, Heras also triumphed in her opening game after only two sets. She defeated Lilia Meeth Jerry in the Group B match, 6-1, 6-1. The 12-year-old Commonwealth bet had only game in Day 1 and she needed all the rest she could get yesterday, as she will be playing three matches today.

Heras' first game will be at 8am against second-seeded Holly Stewart. Then after two hours, Heras faces No. 7-ranked Courtney Eva Huff. The CNMI player concludes her busy schedule today with a 1:30pm date against Meraul Loibl, while the former will have her last game tomorrow morning versus Carys Elisabeth Rob-

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Angeles rules SBA/Budweiser December roll-off



capped his surge in the second half of Saipan Bowl-

ing Association's 2012 season with a win in the Budweiser King of the Lanes December tournament at the Capital Bowling Center.

Angeles, who was winless in the first five months of the season before ending his drought in June and gaining his second victory in August, clinched his third triumph for 2012 after

Raymond Angeles collecting 813 pinfalls in four games. He was the lone bowler to score at least 800 pinfalls in the December roll-offs, beating the 775 and 751 of siblings Raymond and Ruselle Zapanta, respectively. All the Top 3 finishers in this month's competition joined Day 2 of the roll-offs last Monday

Day 1 leader Simon Manacop, who prevailed in the October and November tournaments, missed his third

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December roll-offs winner Raymond Angeles is flanked by runnersup Raymond, left, and Ruselle Zapanta during the awards ceremony last Monday at the Capital Bowling Center.

Inter, KFAS dispute FA Cup





Inter Godfather's and Korean Football Association on M*LEAGUE Saipan ousted sep-

arate foes to set up a finals date in the M-League FA Cup.

Inter Godfather's played in the opening semis match and edged Paire Football Club, 4-3, last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. In the second semis pairing, KFAS topped Wild Bill's, 2-1. The KFAS-Inter finale will be played this Friday, starting at 6:30pm at the Oleai pitch.

Peter Loken powered Inter Godfather's to the semis victory as the member of the CNMI National Team scored all four of his squad's goals. Loken made it to the board in the 38th minute off a penalty kick to tie the match, 1-all. Paire scored first,

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Sport can help lead us down a better path

here are times when sports bring out the best in us. Like Victor Cruz writing a heartfelt message on his cleats, dedicated to a 6-year-old victim of the carnage at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Luther Lizama, seen here going for a backhand return

from the baseline during the CNMI Junior Champion-

ships at the AMP Tennis Courts, won his opening

match in the tournament in Auckland, New Zealand,

There are times when sports bring out the worst in us. Not even 72 hours removed from the horror in Newtown, there were racist tweets blasting NBC for pre-empting its regular Sun-

day night football coverage to show President Obama's speech from that devastated community. One of the tweets apparently was sent by a walk-on player at the University of North Alabama (who quickly became a former player).

Sports, of course, had nothing to do with Adam Lanza's walking into that school and killing 26 people, most of them innocent little kids filled with nothing but See SPORT on Page 26 By PAUL NEWBERRY AP National Writer

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